

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE**No 124/2018****of 6 July 2018****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2021/186]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/136 of 25 January 2018 designating the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease and amending Annex II to Council Directive 92/119/EEC as regards the European Union reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/136 repeals, with effect from 1 January 2019, Commission Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU ⁽²⁾ which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement with effect from 1 January 2019.
- (3) This Decision concerns legislation regarding live animals other than fish and aquaculture animals and animal products such as ova, embryo and semen. Legislation concerning these matters shall not apply to Iceland, as specified in paragraph 2 of the Introductory Part of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Iceland.
- (4) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters. Legislation regarding veterinary matters shall not apply to Liechtenstein as long as the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is extended to Liechtenstein, as specified in the sectoral adaptations to Annex I to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (5) Annex I to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement shall be amended as follows:

1. the following indent is added in point 9 (Council Directive 92/119/EEC) in Part 3.1:

‘— **32018 D 0136**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/136 of 25 January 2018 (OJ L 24, 27.1.2018, p. 3).’;

2. the following point is inserted after point 47 (Commission Regulation (EU) No 415/2013) in Part 3.2:

‘48. **32018 D 0136**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/136 of 25 January 2018 designating the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease and amending Annex II to Council Directive 92/119/EEC as regards the European Union reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease (OJ L 24, 27.1.2018, p. 3).

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 27.1.2018, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 337, 11.12.2012, p. 54.

3. the text of point 35 (Commission Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU) in Part 3.2 shall be deleted with effect from 1 January 2019.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/136 in the Norwegian language, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 7 July 2018, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (*).

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 6 July 2018.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Oda Helen SLETNES

(*) No constitutional requirements indicated.