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## EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 247/2019

of 25 October 2019

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2023/70]

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) The EFTA Surveillance Authority, by its Decision No 001/19/COL of 16 January 2019 <sup>(1)</sup>, extended the special guarantees concerning *Salmonella* spp. laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council to meat and eggs of domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*), and meat derived from turkeys intended for Iceland.
- (2) Accordingly, it is appropriate to update Annex I to the EEA Agreement to reflect the status of Iceland as regards meat and eggs of domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*), and meat derived from turkeys.
- (3) The food safety situation in Iceland as regards *Salmonella* spp. in bovine and porcine animals is equivalent to that of poultry. Accordingly, it is appropriate to update Annex I to the EEA Agreement to reflect the status of Iceland also as regards meat from bovine and porcine animals.
- (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. In point 17 (Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 6.1:

- (a) Adaptations (b) and (c) are renumbered (c) and (d).
- (b) The following is inserted after adaptation (a):

‘(b) In Article 8, the word “Iceland” shall be added after the word “Norway”.’

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 95, 4.4.2019, p. 13 and EEA Supplement No 26, 4.4.2019, p. 1.

2. The adaptation text in Point 51 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005) in Part 6.2 is replaced by the following:  
‘This Regulation shall also apply to consignments intended for Norway and Iceland.’

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on 26 October 2019, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (\*).

*Article 3*

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, 25 October 2019.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*  
*The President*  
Gunnar PÁLSSON

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(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.