

## DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

No 279/2019

of 13 December 2019

**amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2020/298]**

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 Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/478 of 14 January 2019 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the categories of consignments to be subjected to official controls at border control posts <sup>(1)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns legislation containing provisions regarding plant health. Legislation regarding plant health falls outside the scope of the EEA Agreement and provisions regarding plant health shall therefore not apply to the EFTA States.
- (3) This Decision concerns legislation containing provisions regarding live animals, other than fish and aquaculture animals. Provisions regarding live animals, other than fish and aquaculture animals, shall not apply to Iceland, as specified in paragraph 2 of the Introductory Part of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement.
- (4) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters, feedingstuffs and foodstuffs. Legislation regarding veterinary matters, feedingstuffs and foodstuffs 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 and the introduction to Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (5) Annexes I and II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following is added in point 11b (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I and in point 31q (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter II of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

'as amended by:

- **32019 R 0478**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/478 of 14 January 2019 (OJ L 82, 25.3.2019, p. 4).'

*Article 2*

The following is added in point 164 (Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council) of Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement:

'as amended by:

- **32019 R 0478**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/478 of 14 January 2019 (OJ L 82, 25.3.2019, p. 4).'

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 82, 25.3.2019, p. 4.

*Article 3*

The text of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/478 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on 14 December 2019, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (\*), or on the day of the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 210/2019 of 27 September 2019 (²), whichever is the later.

*Article 5*

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, 13 December 2019.

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

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(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.  
(²) Not yet published in the Official Journal.