

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 4/2020**of 7 February 2020****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2023/282]**

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 Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1873 of 7 November 2019 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products ⁽²⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 repeals, with effect from 14 December 2019, Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009, which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Annexes I and II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 277, 29.10.2019, p. 89.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, p. 50.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

(1) the following points are inserted after point 11bl (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628) in Part 1.1 of Chapter I:

11bm. **32019 R 1793**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 (OJ L 277, 29.10.2019, p. 89).

11bn. **32019 R 1873**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1873 of 7 November 2019 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products (OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, p. 50).;

(2) the following points are inserted after point 31ql (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628) of Chapter II:

31qm. **32019 R 1793**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 (OJ L 277, 29.10.2019, p. 89).

31qn. **32019 R 1873**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1873 of 7 November 2019 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products (OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, p. 50).;

(3) the text of point 47 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009) of Chapter II is deleted.

Article 2

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

(1) the following points are inserted after point 164l (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628):

164m. **32019 R 1793**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulations (EC) No 669/2009, (EU) No 884/2014, (EU) 2015/175, (EU) 2017/186 and (EU) 2018/1660 (OJ L 277, 29.10.2019, p. 89).

164n. **32019 R 1873**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1873 of 7 November 2019 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products (OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, p. 50).;

(2) the text of point 54zzzzo (Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009) is deleted.

Article 3

The texts of Implementing Regulations (EU) 2019/1793 and (EU) 2019/1873 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 8 February 2020, 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 ^(?), 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, 7 February 2020.

For the EEA Joint Committee
The President
Clara GANSLANDT

* No constitutional requirements indicated.

^(?) OJ L 4, 5.1.2023, p. 11.