

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 331/2021

of 10 December 2021

**amending Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the
EEA Agreement**

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) 2021/601 of 13 April 2021 concerning a coordinated multiannual control programme of the Union for 2022, 2023 and 2024 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin¹ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/601 repeals, with effect from 1 September 2022, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/585², which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement with effect from 1 September 2022.
- (3) This Decision concerns legislation regarding foodstuffs. Legislation regarding 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 introduction to Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (4) Annex II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

1. The following is inserted after point 195 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/686):
‘196. **32021 R 0601**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/601 of 13 April 2021 concerning a coordinated multiannual control programme of the Union for 2022, 2023 and 2024 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin (OJ L 127, 14.4.2021, p. 29).

¹ OJ L 127, 14.4.2021, p. 29.

² OJ L 135, 29.4.2020, p. 1.

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptations:

The following shall be added to the table in point (5) in Annex II:

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2. The text of point 171 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/585) shall be deleted with effect from 1 September 2022.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/601 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 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 11 December 2021, 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, 10 December 2021.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Rolf Einar Fife

*The Secretaries
To the EEA Joint Committee*

Hege M. Hoff

Mikołaj Karłowski

* No constitutional requirements indicated.