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**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE No 361/2021
of 10 December 2021
amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement [2024/709]**

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) 2021/963 of 10 June 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429, (EU) 2016/1012 and (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the identification and registration of equine animals and establishing model identification documents for those animals ⁽¹⁾ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns legislation regarding live animals other than fish and aquaculture animals. 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Annex I to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is inserted after point 3a (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659) in Part 4.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

- ‘3b. **32021 R 0963:** Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963 of 10 June 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429, (EU) 2016/1012 and (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the identification and registration of equine animals and establishing model identification documents for those animals (OJ L 213, 16.6.2021, p. 3).

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

- (a) As regards the EFTA States, the following shall be added to Article 46(1)(b):
“or until the entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 371/2021 of 10 December 2021, whichever is the later.”
- (b) As regards the EFTA States, the following shall be added after the words “28 January 2022” in Article 47:
“or from the date of entry into force of Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 371/2021 of 10 December 2021 whichever is the later.”

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 213, 16.6.2021, p. 3.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963 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 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

* No constitutional requirements indicated.