

DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE
No 298/2023

of 8 December 2023

amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) 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) 2023/372 of 17 February 2023 laying down rules on the recording, storing and sharing of written records of official controls performed on livestock vessels, on contingency plans for livestock vessels in the event of emergencies, on the approval of livestock vessels and on minimum requirements applicable to exit points¹ is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/842 of 17 February 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with animal welfare requirements for the transport of animals by livestock vessels² is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (3) 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.
- (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

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

1. The following point is inserted after point 11bzb (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292) of Part 1.1 of Chapter I:

¹ OJ L 51, 20.2.2023, p. 32.

² OJ L 109, 24.4.2023, p. 1.

‘11bzc. **32023 R 0842**: Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/842 of 17 February 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with animal welfare requirements for the transport of animals by livestock vessels (OJ L 109, 24.4.2023, p. 1).’

2. The following is inserted after point 17 (Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/755) of Part 9.1 of Chapter I:

‘18. **32023 R 0372**: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/372 of 17 February 2023 laying down rules on the recording, storing and sharing of written records of official controls performed on livestock vessels, on contingency plans for livestock vessels in the event of emergencies, on the approval of livestock vessels and on minimum requirements applicable to exit points (OJ L 51, 20.2.2023, p. 32).

This act shall not apply to Iceland.’

Article 2

The texts of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/372 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/842 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 9 December 2023, 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, 8 December 2023.

*For the EEA Joint Committee
The President*

Pascal Schafhauser

*The Secretaries
To the EEA Joint Committee*

Siri Veseth Meling

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* No constitutional requirements indicated.