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## ANNEX

### **[Draft] DECISION N .../2026 OF THE EU-FAROE ISLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE Of xx xx 2026**

**laying down provisions to implement the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part and repealing Decision No 1/2001**

THE EU-FAROE ISLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part,

Having regard to the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part ('the Protocol'), and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Parties agree that there is a need to update the provisions to implement the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part ('the Protocol'), and have discussed the issue in the veterinary subgroup established under the European Union-Faroe Islands Joint Committee.

(2) Several references to the legal acts of the Union to in the provisions to implement the Protocol contained in Decision 1/2001 are no longer relevant, and references to relevant legal acts are missing. In addition, the Faroe Islands asked to ensure more clarity on rules applicable to the movement of by-products from fisheries and from aquaculture intended for animal feeding from the Faroe Islands to the EU and on the movement of horses born in the Faroe Islands to the EU.

(3) The Parties wish to maintain the flows of trade in animals and products of animal origin between the Union and the Faroe Islands, mainly fishery products for human consumption, animal by-products from fisheries and aquaculture, aquaculture animals, bivalve molluscs, horses and unprocessed wool.

(4) Such trade should be able to be carried out in accordance with the same rules as those applicable to movements of such animals and products within the Union which should therefore be referred to in this Decision. For that purpose, and given that new rules related to veterinary medicinal products have been adopted in the Union, imports from other third countries and from the Faroe Islands shall also respect the ban on using antimicrobials for

promoting growth and increasing yield as well as the restrictions on antimicrobials designated as reserved for human use in the EU.

(5) The veterinary subgroup therefore recommended that this Decision repeals and replaces Decision No 1/2001.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1*

#### ***Applicable Union rules for movements from other third countries or territories into the Faroe Islands as well as movements between the Faroe Islands and the Union***

1. The Faroe Islands shall apply:

(i) the applicable Union rules, referred to in Annex 1, concerning the entry of animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products into the Union from third countries to the entry of animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products into the Faroe Islands from third countries;

(ii) the applicable Union rules, referred to in Annex 1, concerning movements of animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products from one Member State into another to the movements of animals, products of animal origin or animal by-products from the Union to the Faroe Islands; and

(iii) the applicable Union rules, referred to in Annex 1 concerning those animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products listed in Annex 2 to such animals, products of animal origin or animal by-products.

2. The European Union shall apply the applicable Union rules, referred to in Annex 1, concerning movements of those animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products listed in Annex 2 from one Member State into another to the movements of such animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products between the Faroe Islands and the European Union.

3. The Faroe Islands and the Union shall cooperate in order to ensure that the animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products from the Faroe Islands can be authorised for entry into the Union.

### *Article 2*

#### ***Financing of checks***

The Faroe Islands undertake to perform checks on products of animal origin entering the Faroe Islands from third countries in accordance with the provisions of Articles 79, 80, 83(2), 84 and 85 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards fees.

### ***Article 3***

#### ***Mutual assistance***

The Faroe Islands undertake to apply the provisions laid down in Article 8 and Articles 102 to 108 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

### ***Article 4***

#### ***Information systems***

1. The Faroe Islands shall use the TRACES system (TRAde Control and Expert System) referred to in Article 133(4) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 to notify Member States of movements and trade of animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products, where required under the Union provisions.

2. The Faroe Islands shall use the Union notification and reporting tool ADIS (Animal Disease Information System) referred to in Articles 4, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.

### ***Article 5***

#### ***Repeal of Decision 1/2001***

Decision No 1/2001 is hereby repealed.

### ***Article 6***

#### ***Entry into force***

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

## ANNEX 1

Applicable rules to animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products as referred to in Article 1

The legal acts listed below are to be understood as implemented, supplemented or amended.

Legal act	Issues of particular attention
Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety <sup>1</sup>	
Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) <sup>2</sup>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The drawing up of the lists of operators by the Faroe Islands pursuant to Article 10(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, shall be carried out in the TRACES platform [referred to in Article 4].</li><li>2. The rules on controls in the Member States provided for in Articles 116 to 119 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to the Faroe Islands.</li><li>3. The Faroe Islands shall ensure that the facilities of their border control posts comply with the specific requirements laid down in Article 64 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.</li></ol>

<sup>1</sup> [OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.](#)

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin <sup>3</sup>	The Faroe Islands shall use 'FO' as the identification mark provided for in Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs <sup>4</sup>	
Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 January 2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene <sup>5</sup>	
Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') <sup>6</sup>	<p>The following procedure will apply to the granting and withdrawal of disease-free status and approval and withdrawal of compulsory and optional eradication programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- submission by the Faroe Islands of a request with all appropriate justifications to the veterinary subgroup,</li> <li>- approval by the veterinary subgroup,</li> <li>- update by the Commission after notification to the Member States within the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.</li> </ul> <p>The examination of a possible request from the Faroe Islands concerning their status shall be made on the basis of the same criteria as those for similar requests from Member States.</p>
Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC <sup>7</sup>	<p>Only Article 107 (paragraphs 1 to 5) and Article 118 including the legal acts adopted on the basis of those provisions</p> <p>Article 107 (5) shall be interpreted as meaning that medicinal products containing the antimicrobials or groups of antimicrobials reserved for</p>

<sup>3</sup> [OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1.](#)

<sup>5</sup> [OJ L 35, 8.2.2005, p. 1.](#)

<sup>6</sup> [OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1.](#)

<sup>7</sup> [OJ L 4, 7.1.2019, p.43](#)

	treatment of certain infections in humans in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1255 <sup>8</sup> shall not be used in animals.
Regulation (EU) 2019/4 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed, amending Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC <sup>9</sup>	Only Article 17 (3)
Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation) <sup>10</sup>	
Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of $\beta$ -agonists, and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC <sup>11</sup>	
Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed amending European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 and repealing Council Directive 79/373/EEC, Commission Directive 80/511/EEC, Council Directives 82/471/EEC, 83/228/EEC, 93/74/EEC, 93/113/EC and 96/25/EC and Commission Decision 2004/217/EC <sup>12</sup>	

<sup>8</sup> [OJ L 191, 20.7.2022, p. 58](#)

<sup>9</sup> [OJ L 4, 7.1.2019, p. 1](#)

<sup>10</sup> [OJ L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 1](#)

<sup>11</sup> [OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 3.](#)

<sup>12</sup> [OJ L 229, 1.9.2009, p. 1.](#)

Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed <sup>13</sup>	
Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies <sup>14</sup>	
Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition <sup>15</sup>	
Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>16</sup>	
Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC <sup>17</sup>	
Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993 laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food <sup>18</sup>	

<sup>13</sup> [OJ L 140, 30.5.2002, p. 10.](#)  
<sup>14</sup> [OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.](#)  
<sup>15</sup> [OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.](#)  
<sup>16</sup> [OJ L 152, 16.6.2009, p.11](#)  
<sup>17</sup> [OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1.](#)  
<sup>18</sup> [OJ L 37, 13.2.1993, p. 1.](#)

## **ANNEX 2**

### **List of animals, products of animal origin and animal by-products**

Fishery products for human consumption

Live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption

Aquaculture animals

By-products from fisheries and from aquaculture

Registered horses

Unprocessed sheep's wool