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#### **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products establishing a common food safety area

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Pages P/EU/CH/CFSA/en 8 and P/EU/CH/CFSA/Annex I/en 41 shall be replaced by the attached pages.

In this area, Switzerland may continue to apply provisions of Swiss law subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Switzerland allows the placing on the market of food and feed authorised in the Union containing adventitious or technically unavoidable traces of material containing, consisting of, or produced from, genetically modified organisms not exceeding the threshold laid down in Union law, above which that food or feed must be labelled as containing, consisting of, or produced from, genetically modified organisms;
  - (ii) Switzerland allows the placing on the market and use of feed produced from genetically modified organisms, which has been authorised in the Union.
- (b) animal welfare, including concerning the minimum standards for the protection of animals bred or kept for farming purposes, the protection of live vertebrate animals during transport and related operations as well as certain mandatory labelling requirements.

In this area, Switzerland may continue to apply provisions of Swiss law:

- (i) concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes;
- (ii) concerning the transport of animals within its territory, including the transit of bovines, ovines, caprines, porcines, horses for slaughter and poultry for slaughter, and establishing that such transit is only allowed by rail or air;

and including the legal acts adopted on the basis of this Regulation which have been integrated by 31 December 2024.

The provisions of the Regulation shall, for the purposes of this Protocol, be read with the following adaptation:

in Article 1(3), the following sentence is added:

"Switzerland may continue to apply provisions of its law concerning the transport of animals within its territory, including the transit of bovines, ovines, caprines, porcines, horses for slaughter and poultry for slaughter, and establishing that such transit is only allowed by rail or air in Switzerland."

57. 32009 R 1099: Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing (OJ L 303, 18.11.2009, p. 1),

as amended by the following legal acts:

- 57.1. 32017 R 0625: Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 (OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1),

and including the legal acts adopted on the basis of this Regulation which have been integrated by 31 December 2024.