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DRAFT DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE

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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 Decision (EU) 2019/300 of 19 February 2019 establishing a general plan for crisis management in the field of the safety of food and feed[1] is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.

(2) Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/300 repeals Commission Decision 2004/478/EC, which is incorporated into the EEA Agreement and which is consequently to be repealed under the EEA Agreement.

(3) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters and feedingstuffs. Legislation regarding veterinary matters and feedingstuffs 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

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

1. The following is inserted after point 59 (Commission Implementing Decision 2013/503/EU) in Part 7.2 of Chapter I:

'60. **32019 D 0300**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/300 of 19 February 2019 establishing a general plan for crisis management in the field of the safety of food and feed (OJ L 50, 21.2.2019, p. 55).

The provisions of the Decision shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

Where the Commission identifies a situation referred to in Article 56(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 in which an EFTA State is directly concerned and sets up a crisis unit in accordance with Article 56(2) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, the crisis coordinator(s) designated by the EFTA State directly

[1] OJ L 50, 21.2.2019, p. 55.

concerned and the crisis coordinator designated by the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall take part in the work of the crisis unit.'

2. The following is inserted after point 47a (Commission Regulation (EU) No 16/2011) of Chapter II:

'47b. **32019 D 0300**: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/300 of 19 February 2019 establishing a general plan for crisis management in the field of the safety of food and feed (OJ L 50, 21.2.2019, p. 55).

The provisions of the Decision shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be read with the following adaptation:

Where the Commission identifies a situation referred to in Article 56(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 in which an EFTA State is directly concerned and sets up a crisis unit in accordance with Article 56(2) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, the crisis coordinator(s) designated by the EFTA State directly concerned and the crisis coordinator designated by the EFTA Surveillance Authority shall take part in the work of the crisis unit.'

3. The text of points 31 (Commission Decision 2004/478/EC) in Part 7.2 of Chapter I and 43 (Commission Decision 2004/478/EC) of Chapter II is deleted.

Article 2

The text of Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/300 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 […], 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, […].

For the EEA Joint Committee

The President

[…]

The Secretaries

To the EEA Joint Committee

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* [No constitutional requirements indicated.] [Constitutional requirements indicated.]