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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to 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)[(1)], and in particular Article 141(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 lays down rules for, inter alia, the performance of official controls and of other official activities by the competent authorities of Member States. It also empowers the Commission to adopt, by means of an implementing act, appropriate temporary measures necessary to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare, if it has evidence of a serious disruption in a Member State's control system.

(2) In order to address the specific circumstances due to the ongoing crisis related to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466[(2)] allows Member States to apply temporary measures in relation to official controls and other official activities.

(3) Member States have informed the Commission that, in view of the crisis linked to COVID-19, certain serious disruptions in the functioning of their control systems, difficulties to perform official controls and other official activities on official certificates and official attestations with respect to movements of animals and goods into the Union and within the Union and difficulties to organise physical meetings with operators and their staff in the context of official controls will persist beyond 1 October 2020. In

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1341. (See end of Document for details)*

order to address these serious disruptions, which are likely to persist in the coming months, and to facilitate the planning and the performance of official controls and other official activities during the crisis linked to COVID-19, the period of application of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 should be prolonged until 1 February 2021.

(4) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the second paragraph of Article 6 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466, the date ‘1 October 2020’ is replaced by the date ‘1 February 2021’.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 2 October 2020.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN