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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 90/425/EEC[(1)], and in particular Article 17(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2009/156/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing the movement and importation from third countries of equidae[(2)], and in particular Article 2(i), Article 12(1), (4) and (5), Article 13(2), Articles 15 and 16 and Article 19(a) and (b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659[(3)] establishes the list of third countries and parts of the territory of third countries from which the entry into the Union of equidae and of their semen, ova and embryos is authorised. It also lays down the animal health and veterinary certification requirements applicable to those consignments.

(2) Directive 2009/156/EC lays down the animal health requirements governing imports of equidae into the Union. It provides that equidae imported into the Union must come from a third country that is free from African horse sickness.

(3) Directive 92/65/EEC lays down the animal health requirements governing imports of semen, ova and embryos of equidae into the Union. It provides that only those commodities that come from a third country or part of the territory of a third country on a list of third countries drawn up in accordance with that Directive, may be imported into the Union.

(4) The specific rules for controls of consignments in transit of animals are laid down in Chapters III and IV of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2124[(4)].

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/485. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) On 27 March 2020, Thailand reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) an outbreak of African horse sickness. The entry into the Union of equidae and of germinal products of equidae from Thailand should no longer be authorised. Accordingly, the entry for Thailand in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 should be amended, so that the entry into the Union of equidae and germinal products of equidae from Thailand is no longer authorised.

(6) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) Given the risks to animal health, the amendment to the entry for Thailand in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659 should take effect as soon as possible.

(8) 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 Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/659, the entry for Thailand is replaced by the following:

‘TH	Thailand	TH-0	Whole country	G	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—‘	

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*.

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

Done at Brussels, 2 April 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN