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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption[(1)], and in particular Article 8(1) and (4), Article 9(2)(b) and (4)(b) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2004/68/EC of 26 April 2004 laying down animal health rules for the importation into and transit through the Community of certain live ungulate animals, amending Directives 90/426/EEC and 92/65/EEC and repealing Directive 72/462/EEC[(2)], and in particular Article 6(1), Article 7(e) and Article 13(1)(e) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010[(3)] lays down, inter alia, the veterinary certification requirements for the introduction into the Union of certain consignments of live animals, including consignments of ungulates. Part 1 of Annex I to that Regulation establishes a list of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which such consignments may be imported into the Union, as well as the specific conditions for introduction of such consignments from certain third countries.

(2) Part 2 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 sets out the models of veterinary certificates for domestic bovine animals (including *Bubalus* and *Bison* species and their cross-breeds) intended for breeding and/or production after importation (BOV-X), for domestic ovine and caprine animals (*Ovis aries* and *Capra hircus*) intended for breeding and/or production after importation (OVI-X), for domestic ovine and caprine animals (*Ovis aries* and *Capra hircus*) intended for immediate slaughter after importation (OVI-Y) and for animals of the order *Artiodactyla* (excluding bovine animals (including *Bubalus* and *Bison* species and their cross-breeds), *Ovis aries, Capra hircus, Suidae* and *Tayassuidae*), and of the families *Rhinocerotidae* and *Elephantidae* (RUM). Those

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certificates include guarantees for epizootic haemhorragic disease which is a viral disease of ruminants, non-contagious and transmitted by certain species of Culicoides midges.

(3) Canada (CA-0) is listed in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as authorised to import into the Union consignments of certain ungulates in accordance with the models of veterinary certificates POR-X, BOV-X, OVI-X, OVI-Y and RUM.

(4) Canada has requested to be recognised as being seasonally free of epizootic haemorrhagic disease. To that aim, Canada provided information in 2016 demonstrating that the weather conditions in Canada between 1 November and 15 May do not allow the circulation of Culicoides species, which are the transmission vectors for both bluetongue virus and epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus.

(5) The information provided by Canada was considered by the Commission to be in accordance with the standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for demonstration of seasonal freedom of bluetongue and equally to the Union requirements[(4)] that apply to movements of susceptible animals within the Union. Canada was therefore granted recognition of the bluetongue seasonally free status with a bluetongue free period between 1 November and 15 May by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/384[(5)].

(6) The standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) for demonstration of seasonal freedom of epizootic haemorrhagic disease are equivalent to those for bluetongue. Canada should be therefore granted recognition of epizootic haemorrhagic disease free status for an equivalent period between 1 November and 15 May.

(7) The list and specific conditions set out in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 should therefore be amended in relation to the introduction into the Union of certain ungulates which are susceptible to epizootic haemorrhagic disease, from a country or territory with epizootic haemorrhagic disease seasonally free status and furthermore the recognition of such free status for Canada with a epizootic haemorrhagic disease free period between 1 November and 15 May.

(8) The models of veterinary certificates BOV-X, OVI-X, OVI-Y and RUM set out in Part 2 of that Annex should be also amended in order to introduce the relevant animal health attestations for animals which originate from a epizootic haemorrhagic disease seasonally free country or territory.

(9) Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 lays down as well the specific conditions for the introduction into the Union of consignments of fresh meat of certain ungulates. Annex II to that Regulation establishes a list of third countries, territories and parts thereof from which such consignments may be imported into the Union, as well as the model of veterinary certificates corresponding to the consignments concerned and the specific conditions required to import from certain third countries.

(10) Currently, only one of the territories of Argentina listed in Part 1 of Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, AR-2, is authorised to export fresh bone-in meat from bovine and ovine animals as well as from farmed and wild game ruminants to the Union. The competent authorities of Argentina requested the Commission to authorise another

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part of its territory known as 'Patagonia Norte A', for introduction into the Union of fresh bone-in meat of certain ungulates. This region, which consists of parts of the provinces of Neuquén, Río Negro and Buenos Aires that were previously in AR-1, was recognised as free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) without vaccination by the OIE in 2013[6].

(11) The Commission services carried out an audit in March 2018 to evaluate whether the surveillance and regionalisation measures for foot and mouth disease in the 'Patagonia Norte A' zone provide adequate guarantees for the introduction into the Union fresh bovine, ovine, farmed and wild ruminant meat not subject to deboning and maturation. The outcome of the audit was favourable.

(12) Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly in order to update the regionalisation of Argentina and to authorise a new part of the territory of Argentina to introduce fresh bone-in meat of certain ungulates into the Union.

(13) Furthermore, imports of fresh meat of wild ungulates into the Union in accordance with the model of veterinary certificate RUW, are authorised from the three FMD-free listed territories of Argentina, whether vaccination is practised or not. Where vaccination is practised, the supplementary guarantees regarding maturation, pH measurement and deboning of fresh meat are applicable. However, a footnote was included in the list of Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 to exclude from that authorisation certain departments of the Province of Corrientes, where FMD outbreaks were reported in 2006. The competent authorities of Argentina have submitted a request to the Commission to delete such footnote in order to reflect the current animal health situation in those departments. The Commission considers that the current animal health situation in those departments justifies the deletion of that footnote. Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly to delete the footnote concerned.

(14) Following United Nations (UN) facilitation, Athens and Skopje reached a bilateral agreement ('Prespa agreement') in June 2018, to change the UN provisional reference for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. This agreement has now been ratified by both countries and the Republic of North Macedonia has formally notified the EU about its entry into force.

(15) Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(16) 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

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

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Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 1 July 2019.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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ANNEX

(1) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 is amended as follows:

(a) Part 1 is amended as follows:

(i) the line for MK-0 is replaced by the following:

MK-The Republic of North Macedonia	MK-0	Whole country			I

(ii) the following footnote is deleted:

(****) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: the definitive nomenclature for this country will be agreed following current negotiations at UN level;

(iii) the footnote (******) is replaced with the following:

Canada (******): seasonally free period for bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease is between 1 November and 15 May, in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.;

(iv) in *Specific Conditions*, the fourth subparagraph of the specific condition 'I' is replaced with the following:

The certificate must be stamped at the exit point of the Union by the competent veterinary authority prior to transiting one or more third countries, with the following wording "ONLY FOR TRANSIT BETWEEN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION VIA THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA/MONTENEGRO/ SERBIA (*) (**)";

(v) in *Specific Conditions*, the specific condition 'XIII' is replaced by the following:

"**XIII**" : territory recognised as having an official bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease seasonally free status, for the purpose of exports to the Union of live animals certified according to the model of veterinary certificate BOV-X, OVI-X, OVI-Y or RUM.

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) the model of veterinary certificate BOV-X is replaced by the following:
Model BOV-X