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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 the introductory phrase of Article 8, the first subparagraph of point (1) and point (4) of Article 8 and Article 9(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom submitted the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). On 22 March 2019, the European Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/476[(2)] extending the period under Article 50(3) TEU in agreement with the United Kingdom. In accordance with that Decision, in the event that the Withdrawal Agreement is not approved by the House of Commons by 29 March 2019 at the latest, the period provided for in Article 50(3) TEU is extended until 12 April 2019. As the Withdrawal Agreement has not been approved by 29 March 2019, Union law will cease to apply to and in the United Kingdom from 13 April 2019 (‘the withdrawal date’).

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 119/2009[(3)] lays down the public and animal health conditions and certification requirements for the introduction into the Union of consignments of meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits and the list of third countries and parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of such consignments is authorised.

(3) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has provided the necessary guarantees for that country and certain of its Crown Dependencies to comply with the conditions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 119/2009 for the introduction into the

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Union of consignments of meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits following the withdrawal date by continuing to comply with Union legislation for an initial period of at least nine months.

(4) Therefore, taking into account these specific guarantees provided by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption to trade after the withdrawal date, the United Kingdom and certain of its Crown Dependencies should be included in the list of third countries and parts thereof set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 119/2009 authorised for the introduction into the Union of consignments of meat of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits.

(5) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 119/2009 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) This Regulation should apply from 13 April 2019, unless Union law continues to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on that date.

(7) 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*

Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 119/2009 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 13 April 2019.

However, it shall not apply if Union law continues to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on that date.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 April 2019.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

Jean-Claude JUNCKER