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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs[(1)], and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 53(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission has examined France's application for the approval of amendments to the specification for the protected geographical indication ‘Emmental de Savoie’ registered under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1107/96[(2)].

(2) By letter of 23 November 2015, the French authorities notified the Commission that a transitional period under Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, ending on 31 December 2017, had been granted to one operator that is established on their territory and meets the conditions of that Article in accordance with the Order of 29 October 2015 on the protected geographical indication ‘Emmental de Savoie’ published on 7 November 2015 in the Official Journal of the French Republic. During the national objection procedure, this operator that legally marketed ‘Emmental de Savoie’ continuously for at least the five years prior to lodging the application, lodged an objection concerning the 50 % minimum share of coarse green fodder in the dairy cows' basic ration for at least 150 days per year. The reason given was that time was needed for the operator's holding to be adapted. The operator in question is Le Seysselan GAEC, Vallod, 74910 SEYSSEL.

(3) Since the amendments in question are not minor within the meaning of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission published the amendment application in the *Official Journal of the European Union* as required by Article 50(2)(a) of that Regulation[(3)].

(4) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the amendments to the specification should be approved,

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1136. (See end of Document for details)*

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The amendments to the specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name ‘Emmental de Savoie’ (PGI) are hereby approved.

Article 2

The protection provided under Article 1 is subject to the transitional period granted by France pursuant to the Order of 29 October 2015 on the protected geographical indication ‘Emmental de Savoie’, published on 7 November 2015 in the Official Journal of the French Republic under Article 15(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, to operators meeting the conditions of that Article.

Article 3

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, 14 June 2017.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Phil HOGAN

Member of the Commission