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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 the second subparagraph of Article 53(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 53(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission has examined Austria's application for the approval of amendments to the Specification for the Protected Geographical Indication 'Marchfeldspargel' registered under Commission Regulation (EC) No 1263/96[(2)], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 564/2002[(3)].

(2) The purpose of the application is to amend the specification by amending the inspection authority.

(3) The Commission has examined the amendments in question and concluded that they are justified. Since the amendments are minor within the meaning of the third subparagraph of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission may approve them without following the procedure set out in Articles 50 to 52 of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The specification for the protected geographical indication 'Marchfeldspargel' is hereby amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Annex II to this Regulation contains the consolidated Single Document setting out the main points of the specification.

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*.

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/255. (See end of Document for details)*

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

Done at Brussels, 13 February 2015.

For the Commission,

On behalf of the President,

Phil HOGAN

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I

The specification for the protected geographical indication ‘Marchfeldspargel’ is amended as follows:

— Under point 5g of the specification, instead of the previous reference to inspection by the Governor of Lower Austria the following private inspection body should be designated:

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— The name of the applicant group has been changed to:

‘Verein Genuss Region Marchfeldspargel g.g.A.’

ANNEX II

CONSOLIDATED SINGLE DOCUMENT Council Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs[(4)]**‘MARCHFELDSPARGEL’**EC No: AT-PGI-0217-01213 — 11.03.2014**PGI (X) PDO ( )**

1. **Name**

‘Marchfeldspargel’

2. **Member state or third country**

Austria

3. **Description of the agricultural product or foodstuff**

3.1. *Type of product*

Class 1.6. Fruit, vegetables and cereals, fresh or processed

3.2. *Description of product to which the name in (1) applies:*

The asparagus stalks (= young shoots of the asparagus species ‘*Asparagus officinalis* L.’) must be intact, healthy, free of damage from inappropriate washing, clean, fresh in appearance and smell, pest-free and free of damage from rodents or insects, crushing, bruising or abnormal external moisture, and of foreign odours and/or taste. The cut at the base of the stalks must be as clean as possible. In addition, the asparagus stalks must not be hollow, split, or peeled. Small cracks which have appeared after harvesting are permitted to a limited extent. Marchfeld asparagus has a typical, fine asparagus aroma, with few bitter substances. Its taste must not be bitter or woody.

The asparagus is divided into four categories according to its colour: