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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) of Article 8 and point (4) of Article 8 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 of 12 March 2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements[(2)] establishes sanitary conditions for the import of live animals and fresh meat thereof. According to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 fresh meat intended for human consumption can only be imported if it comes from a territory of a third country or a part thereof listed in Part 1 of Annex II to that Regulation and meets the relevant requirements.

(2) Japan requested to be listed for the import of fresh bovine meat into the Union and the Commission audit on bovine meat in Japan in 2008 confirmed that the requirements were met. The listing was, however, postponed when foot-and-mouth disease occurred in Japan in 2010.

(3) Since then Japan eradicated the foot-and-mouth disease on its territory and was recognised as ‘free without vaccination’ for this disease by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

(4) Japan thus provides sufficient animal health guarantees and has asked again to be included in the list of third countries authorised for the import of fresh bovine meat into the Union.

(5) Japan should thus be allowed to import fresh bovine meat into the Union.

Changes to legislation: *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 196/2013 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 December 2020. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

(6) Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, the following entry for Japan is inserted after the entry for Iceland:

ISO code and name of third country	Code of Territory	Description of third country, territory or part thereof	Veterinary certificate		Specific conditions	Closing date[a]	Opening date[b]
			Model(s)	SG			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
'JP — Japan	JP	Whole country	BOV				28 March 2013'

a Meat from animals slaughtered on or before the date set out in column 7 may be imported into the Union for 90 days from that date. Consignments carried on vessels on the high seas may be imported into the Union if certified before the date set out in column 7 for 40 days from that date. (N.B.: no date in column 7 means that there are no time restrictions).

b Only meat from animals slaughtered on or after the date set out in column 8 may be imported into the Union (no date in column 8 means that there are no time restrictions).

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, 7 March 2013.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO