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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 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 20(p) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Point 1 of Section B.IV of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides that, for the classification of pig carcasses, the lean-meat content has to be assessed by means of grading methods authorised by the Commission and only statistically proven assessment methods based on the physical measurement of one or more anatomical parts of the pig carcass may be authorised. The authorisation of grading methods should be subject to compliance with a maximum tolerance for statistical error in assessment. That tolerance is defined in Part A of Annex V to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1182<sup>(2)</sup>.
- (2) Croatia has requested the Commission to authorise five methods ('Hennessy Grading Probe 2 (HGP2)', 'Hennessy Grading Probe 7 (HGP7)', 'OptiGrade-MCP', 'OptiScan-TP' and 'Manual method-ZP'). For that purpose, Croatia has presented a detailed description of the dissection trial, indicating the principles on which the methods are based, the results of its dissection trial and the equations used for assessing the percentage of lean meat in the protocol provided for in Article 11(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1182.
- (3) Examination of that request has revealed that the conditions for authorising the grading methods are fulfilled. These grading methods and formulas should therefore be authorised in Croatia.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the  
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1728. (See end of Document for details)*

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### *Article 1*

1 The use of the following methods is authorised for grading pig carcasses pursuant to Point 1 of Section B.IV of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 in Croatia:

- a the ‘Hennessy Grading Probe 2 (HGP2)’ apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are set out in Part I of the Annex;
- b the ‘Hennessy Grading Probe 7 (HGP7)’ apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are set out in Part II of the Annex;
- c the ‘OptiGrade-MCP’ apparatus and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are set out in Part III of the Annex.
- d the ‘OptiScan-TP’ and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are set out in Part IV of the Annex.
- e the ‘manual method (ZP)’ with a ruler and the assessment methods related thereto, details of which are set out in Part V of the Annex.

2 The manual method ZP with a ruler and the assessment methods related thereto, referred to in point (e) of paragraph 1, shall only be authorised for slaughterhouses where the number of pigs slaughtered per week does not exceed 500, calculated as an annual average.

### *Article 2*

Modifications of the authorised apparatuses or grading methods shall not be allowed unless explicitly authorised by Commission Implementing Decision.

### *Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Croatia.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2020.

*For the Commission*

Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI

*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

### Methods for grading pig carcasses in Croatia

#### PART I

##### ***Hennessy Grading Probe 2 (HGP 2)***

1. The rules provided for in this part shall apply when the grading of pig carcasses is carried out by means of the apparatus known as 'Hennessy Grading Probe 2 (HGP 2)'.

2. The apparatus shall be equipped with a probe of 5,95 millimetres diameter (and of 6,3 millimetres at the blade on top of the probe) containing a photodiode (Siemens LED of the type LYU 260-EO and photodetector of the type 58 MR) and having an operating distance of between 0 and 120 millimetres.

3. The lean meat content of a carcass shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$LMP_{HGP\ 2} = 68,54165 - (0,7727577 \times F) + (0,008924575 \times M)$$

where:

- $LMP_{HGP\ 2}$  = the estimated percentage of lean meat in a carcass;  
 $F$  = the thickness of backfat (including rind) in millimetres, measured 7 centimetres off the split line on the outside and 4 cm off the split line on the inside between the second and third last rib;  
 $M$  = the thickness of muscle in millimetres, measured at the same time and in the same place as  $F$ .

4. This formula shall be valid for carcasses weighing between 60 and 120 kilograms (warm weight).

#### PART II

##### ***Hennessy Grading Probe 7 (HGP 7)***

1. The rules provided for in this part shall apply when the grading of pig carcasses is carried out by means of the apparatus known as 'Hennessy Grading Probe 7 (HGP 7)'.

2. The apparatus shall be equipped with a probe of 5,95 millimetres diameter (and of 6,3 millimetres at the blade on top of the probe) containing a photodiode (Siemens LED of the type LYU 260-EO and photodetector of the type 58 MR) and having an operating distance of between 0 and 120 millimetres.

3. The lean meat content of a carcass shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$LMP_{HGP\ 7} = 66,92177 - (0,7505144 \times F) + (0,03170816 \times M)$$

where:

- $LMP_{HGP\ 7}$  = the estimated percentage of lean meat in a carcass;  
 $F$  = the thickness of backfat (including rind) in millimetres, measured 7 centimetres off the split line on the outside and 4 cm off the split line on the inside between the second and third last rib;