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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 91/68/EEC of 28 January 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals[(1)], and in particular Section II of Chapter 1 of Annex A thereto,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine[(2)], and in particular Articles 9(2), 10(2) and paragraph 7 of Annex A.II thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 91/68/EEC establishes the animal health conditions governing trade in the Union in ovine and caprine animals. It lays down the conditions whereby Member States or regions thereof may be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) as regards ovine and caprine herds.

(2) Commission Decision 93/52/EEC[(3)] provides that the regions of the Member States listed in Annex II thereto are recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) as regards ovine and caprine herds, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Directive 91/68/EEC.

(3) Spain has submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance for the Autonomous Community of Murcia, the Province of Toledo of the Autonomous Community of Castilla-La Mancha and the Provinces of Huelva, Sevilla and Cordoba of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia with the conditions laid down in Directive

91/68/EEC in order to be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) as regards ovine and caprine herds.

(4) Following the evaluation of that supporting documentation, the Autonomous Community of Murcia, the Province of Toledo of the Autonomous Community of Castilla-La Mancha and the Provinces of Huelva, Sevilla and Cordoba of the Autonomous Community of Andalusia should be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) as regards ovine and caprine herds.

(5) Annex II to Decision 93/52/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) Directive 64/432/EEC applies to trade within the Union in bovine and porcine animals. It lays down the conditions whereby a Member State or a region thereof may be declared officially brucellosis-free as regards bovine herds.

(7) Article 2 of Commission Decision 2003/467/EC[(4)] provides that regions of Member States listed in Chapter 2 of Annex II thereto are declared officially brucellosis-free as regards bovine herds.

(8) Spain has submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance for the Autonomous Community of Aragon and the Province of Leon of the Autonomous Community of Castilla Y Leon with the conditions laid down in Directive 64/432/EEC in order to be recognised as officially brucellosis-free regions as regards bovine herds.

(9) Following the evaluation of that supporting documentation, the Autonomous Community of Aragon and the Province of Leon of the Autonomous Community of Castilla Y Leon should be recognised as officially free of brucellosis as regards bovine herds.

(10) Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(11) Article 10 of Directive 64/432/EEC provides that where a Member State considers that its territory or part thereof is free of Aujeszky's disease, it should present appropriate supporting documentation to the Commission. It also provides that additional guarantees may be required for intra-Union trade in porcine animals.

(12) Article 9 of Directive 64/432/EEC provides that a Member State, which has a compulsory national control programme for Aujeszky's disease for part of its territory, may submit its programme to the Commission for approval. It also provides that additional guarantees may be required for intra-Union trade in porcine animals.

(13) Commission Decision 2008/185/EC[(5)] lays down additional guarantees for movements of pigs between Member States. Those guarantees are linked to the classification of the Member States or regions thereof according to their disease status for Aujeszky's disease.

(14) Annex I to Decision 2008/185/EC lists the Member States or regions thereof free of Aujeszky's disease.

(15) Italy has submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance for the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia with the conditions laid down in Decision 2008/185/EC in order to be recognised as free of Aujeszky's disease.

(16) Following the evaluation of that supporting documentation, the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia should be recognised as free of Aujeszky's disease.

(17) Annex I to Decision 2008/185/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(18) Annex II to Decision 2008/185/EC lists the Member States or regions thereof where approved national control programmes for the eradication of Aujeszky's disease are in place.

(19) Italy has submitted to the Commission supporting documentation for the approval of its control programmes for the eradication of Aujeszky's disease for the regions of Piemonte and Umbria and for these regions to be duly listed in Annex II to Decision 2008/185/EC.

(20) Following the evaluation of that supporting documentation, the control programmes for the eradication of Aujeszky's disease for the regions of Piemonte and Umbria should be approved.

(21) Annex II to Decision 2008/185/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(22) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II to Decision 93/52/EEC is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

Annexes I and II to Decision 2008/185/EC are replaced by the text set out in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 2019.

For the Commission

Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS

Member of the Commission

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1970. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

In Annex II to Decision 93/52/EEC, the entry for Spain is replaced by the following:

In Spain:

— Autonomous Community of Aragon,
— Autonomous Community of Andalusia: Provinces of Cadiz, Cordoba, Huelva and Sevilla,
— Autonomous Community of Asturias,
— Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands,
— Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands,
— Autonomous Community of Cantabria,
— Autonomous Community of Castilla-La Mancha,
— Autonomous Community of Castilla y León,
— Autonomous Community of Catalonia,
— Autonomous Community of Extremadura,
— Autonomous Community of Galicia,
— Autonomous Community of La Rioja,
— Autonomous Community of Madrid,
— Autonomous Community of Murcia,
— Autonomous Community of Navarra,
— Autonomous Community of Pais Vasco,
— Autonomous Community of Valencia.

ANNEX II

In Chapter 2 of Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC, the entry for Spain is replaced by the following:

In Spain:

— Autonomous Community of Andalusia: Provinces of Almeria, Granada and Jaen,
— Autonomous Community of Aragon,
— Autonomous Community of Asturias,
— Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands,
— Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands,
— Autonomous Community of Castilla-La Mancha,
— Autonomous Community of Castilla y León: Provinces of Burgos, León, Soria, Valladolid and Zamora,
— Autonomous Community of Cataluña,
— Autonomous Community of Galicia,
— Autonomous Community of La Rioja,
— Autonomous Community of Madrid,
— Autonomous Community of Murcia,
— Autonomous Community of Navarra,
— Autonomous Community of Pais Vasco,
— Autonomous Community of Valencia.