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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) and point (4) of Article 8 and Article 9(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom submitted the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). On 11 April 2019, the European Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/584[(2)] extending the period under Article 50(3) TEU in agreement with the United Kingdom. In accordance with that Decision, the period provided for in Article 50(3) TEU has been further extended until 31 October 2019. Union law will therefore cease to apply to and in the United Kingdom from 1 November 2019 (‘the withdrawal date’).

(2) Commission Decision 2007/777/EC[(3)] lays down, inter alia, the conditions for the introduction into the Union of consignments of certain meat products and of treated stomachs, bladders and intestines which have undergone one of the treatments laid down in Part 4 of Annex II thereto (‘the commodities’), including a list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of the commodities is authorised.

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(3) Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC sets out the list of third countries or parts thereof which are authorised for the introduction into the Union of the commodities, provided that they have undergone the relevant treatment referred to in that Part of Annex II. Those treatments are aimed at eliminating certain animal health risks linked to the specific commodities. Part 4 of that Annex sets out a non-specific treatment ‘A’ and specific treatments ‘B’ to ‘F’ listed in descending order of severity of the animal health risk linked to the specific commodity.

(4) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has provided the necessary guarantees for that country and for its Crown Dependencies for certain commodities to comply with the conditions laid down in Decision 2007/777/EC for the introduction into the Union of consignments of commodities for human consumption with treatment "A" from the withdrawal date by continuing to comply with Union legislation for an initial period of at least nine months.

(5) Therefore, taking into account these specific guarantees provided by the United Kingdom, of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption to trade after the withdrawal date, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and its Crown Dependencies, should be included in the list of third countries and parts thereof set out in Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC authorised for the introduction into the Union of consignments of the commodities.

(6) Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) This Decision should apply from 1 November 2019, unless Union law continues to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on that date.

(8) 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

Part 2 to Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC shall be amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 November 2019.

However, it shall not apply if Union law continues to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on that date.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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Done at Brussels, 23 October 2019.

For the Commission

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