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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC[(1)], and in particular the fourth subparagraph of Article 29(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 96/23/EC lays down measures to monitor the substances and groups of residues listed in Annex I thereto. Article 29 of that Directive requires that third countries from which Member States are authorised to import animals and animal products covered by that Directive submit residue monitoring plans providing required guarantees (‘the plans’). The plans should cover at least the groups of residues and substances listed in Annex I to that Directive.

(2) Commission Decision 2011/163/EU[(2)] approves the plans submitted by certain third countries concerning specified animal and animal products listed in the Annex to that Decision (‘the list’).

(3) South Africa has submitted to the Commission a plan for farmed game, which only covers ratites. South Africa has overcome the shortcomings identified during the latest audit carried out in February 2017 regarding the capacity of the South African authorities to carry out reliable checks for farmed game. The submitted plan provides sufficient guarantees and should be approved. The entry for South Africa for farmed game should therefore be included in the list, with a specification limiting the approval for farmed game to ratites only.

(4) Decision 2011/163/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.

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

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/525. (See end of Document for details)*

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2011/163/EU is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 2019.

For the Commission

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