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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/326

of 25 February 2016

entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications [Frankfurter Grüne Soße/Frankfurter Grie Soß (PGI)]

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, Germany's application to register the name 'Frankfurter Grüne Soße'/'Frankfurter Grie Soß' was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽²⁾.
- (2) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the name 'Frankfurter Grüne Soße'/'Frankfurter Grie Soß' should therefore be entered in the register,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The name 'Frankfurter Grüne Soße'/'Frankfurter Grie Soß' (PGI) is hereby entered in the register.

The name specified in the first paragraph denotes a product in Class 1.6. — Fruit, vegetables and cereals, fresh or processed, as listed in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 ⁽³⁾.*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*.⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.⁽²⁾ OJ C 350, 22.10.2015, p. 10.⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 179, 19.6.2014, p. 36).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Phil HOGAN
Member of the Commission*

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/327**of 25 February 2016****entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications [Polvorones de Estepa (PGI)]**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 50(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, Spain's application to register the name 'Polvorones de Estepa' was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽²⁾.
- (2) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the name 'Polvorones de Estepa' should therefore be entered in the register,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The name 'Polvorones de Estepa' (PGI) is hereby entered in the register.

The name referred to in the first paragraph identifies a product in Class 2.3 bread, pastry, cakes, confectionery, biscuits and other baker's wares, as listed in Annex XI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 ⁽³⁾.*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, 25 February 2016.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Phil HOGAN
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 338, 13.10.2015, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs (OJ L 179, 19.6.2014, p. 36).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/328**of 26 February 2016****approving non-minor amendments to the specification for a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications [Carciofo Spinoso di Sardegna (PDO)]**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 November 2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 52(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 53(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission has examined Italy's application for the approval of amendments to the specification for the protected designation of origin 'Carciofo Spinoso di Sardegna', registered under Commission Regulation (EU) No 94/2011 ⁽²⁾.
- (2) Since the amendments in question are not minor within the meaning of Article 53(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012, the Commission published the amendment application in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ⁽³⁾ as required by Article 50(2)(a) of that Regulation.
- (3) As no statement of opposition under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 has been received by the Commission, the amendments to the specification should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*The amendments to the specification published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* regarding the name 'Carciofo Spinoso di Sardegna' (PDO) are hereby approved.*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, 26 February 2016.

For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Phil HOGAN
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 14.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 94/2011 of 3 February 2011 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications [Carciofo Spinoso di Sardegna (PDO)] (OJ L 30, 4.2.2011, p. 21).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 351, 23.10.2015, p. 24.

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/329**of 8 March 2016****concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase as a feed additive for all avian species and for weaned piglets, pigs for fattening, sows and minor porcine species (holder of the authorisation Lohmann Animal Nutrition GmbH)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 provides for the authorisation of additives for use in animal nutrition and for the grounds and procedures for granting such authorisation.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 an application was submitted for the authorisation of 6-phytase. That application was accompanied by the particulars and documents required under Article 7(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (3) That application concerns the authorisation of 6-phytase as a feed additive for avian and porcine species to be classified in the additive category 'zootechnical additives'.
- (4) The European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') concluded in its opinion of 17 June 2015 ⁽²⁾ that, under the proposed conditions of use, 6-phytase does not have an adverse effect on animal health, human health or the environment. It was also concluded that the additive has the potential to improve the phosphorus digestibility, phosphorus utilisation or the bone mineralisation of laying hens, chickens for fattening, all pig categories and turkeys for fattening. The Authority considered that these conclusions can be extended to chickens reared for laying and turkeys reared for breeding. Moreover, it determined that the conclusions can be extrapolated to all minor poultry species and other avian species up to point of lay and for laying. Similarly, the conclusions drawn in pigs can be extrapolated to minor porcine species. The Authority does not consider that there is a need for specific requirements of post-market monitoring. It also verified the report on the method of analysis of the feed additive in feed submitted by the Reference Laboratory set up by Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.
- (5) The assessment of 6-phytase shows that the conditions for authorisation, as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003, are satisfied. Accordingly, the use of that additive should be authorised as specified in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The preparation specified in the Annex, belonging to the additive category 'zootechnical additives' and to the functional group 'digestibility enhancers', is authorised as an additive in animal nutrition, subject to the conditions laid down in that Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ EFSA Journal 2015; 13(7):4159.

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, 8 March 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

ANNEX

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						Units of activity/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %			

Category of zootechnical additives. Functional group: digestibility enhancers

4a23	Lohmann Animal Nutrition GmbH	6-phytase EC 3.1.3.26	<i>Additive composition</i> Preparation of 6-phytase produced by <i>Komagataella pastoris</i> (DSM 25375) having a minimum activity of: 40 000 U ⁽¹⁾ /g Liquid and solid form	Chickens for fattening and reared for laying, all avian species for fattening and reared for laying other than turkeys for fattening and reared for breeding	—	250 U	—	1. In the directions for use of the additive and premixture, indicate the storage conditions and stability to heating treatment. 2. For safety: breathing protection, safety glasses and gloves shall be used during handling.	29 March 2026
			<i>Characterisation of the active substance</i> 6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by <i>Komagataella pastoris</i> (DSM 25375)	All avian species for laying		125 U			
			<i>Analytical method ⁽²⁾</i> For the quantification of 6-phytase activity in the feed additive: colorimetric method based on the enzymatic reaction of phytase on the phytate — VDLUFA Method Book, Vol. III, 27.1.1	Turkeys for fattening and reared for breeding		500 U			
			For the quantification of 6-phytase activity in premixtures and mineral feeds: colorimetric method based on the enzymatic reaction of phytase on the phytate — VDLUFA Method Book, Vol. III, 27.1.3	Piglets (weaned), pigs for fattening, sows and minor porcine species		250 U			

Identification number of the additive	Name of the holder of authorisation	Additive	Composition, chemical formula, description, analytical method	Species or category of animal	Maximum age	Minimum content	Maximum content	Other provisions	End of period of authorisation
						Units of activity/kg of complete feedingstuff with a moisture content of 12 %			
			For the quantification of 6-phytase activity in feedingstuffs: colorimetric method based on the enzymatic reaction of phytase on the phytate — EN ISO 30024.						

(¹) 1 U is the amount of enzyme which liberates 1 micromole of inorganic phosphate per minute from a sodium phytate substrate at pH 5,5 and 37 °C.

(²) Details of the analytical methods are available at the following address of the Reference Laboratory: http://irmm.jrc.ec.europa.eu/EURLs/EURL_feed_additives/Pages/index.aspx

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/330**of 8 March 2016****suspending the tariff preferences for certain GSP beneficiary countries in respect of certain GSP sections in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period of 2017-2019**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 the tariff preferences of the general arrangement of the generalised scheme of preferences (GSP) are to be suspended in respect of products of a GSP section originating in a GSP beneficiary country when the average value of Union imports of such products over three consecutive years from that GSP beneficiary country exceeds the thresholds listed in Annex VI of that Regulation.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 and based on trade statistics concerning calendar years 2009-2011, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1213/2012 ⁽²⁾ established the list of product sections for which the tariff preferences were suspended from 1 January 2014 until 31 December 2016.
- (3) In line with Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012, the Commission should, every three years, review that list through an implementing act to suspend or re-establish the tariff preferences. The revised list should apply for three years as of 1 January 2017. The list is based on trade statistics concerning calendar years 2012-2014 as available on 1 September 2015 and takes into account imports from GSP beneficiary countries listed in Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 as applicable on that date. However, the value of imports from GSP beneficiaries which, as from 1 January 2017, no longer benefit from the tariff preferences under point (b) of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 is not taken into account.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Generalised Preferences Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of products of GSP sections for which the tariff preferences referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 are suspended in respect of the GSP beneficiary countries concerned is established in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2017 until 31 December 2019.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 303, 31.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1213/2012 of 17 December 2012 suspending the tariff preferences for certain GSP beneficiary countries in respect of certain GSP sections in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences (OJ L 348, 18.12.2012, p. 11).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 March 2016.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNKER

ANNEX

The list of GSP sections for which the tariff preferences referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 are suspended in respect of a GSP beneficiary country concerned:

Column A: name of country

Column B: GSP section (Article 2(j) of GSP Regulation)

Column C: description

A	B	C
India	S-5	Mineral products
	S-6a	Inorganic and organic chemicals
	S-11a	Textiles
	S-14	Pearls and precious metals
	S-15a	Iron, steel and articles of iron and steel
	S-15b	Base metals (excl. iron and steel), articles of base metals (excl. articles of iron and steel)
	S-17b	Motor vehicles, bicycles, aircraft and spacecraft, ships and boats
Indonesia	S-1a	Live animals and animal products excluding fish
	S-3	Animal or vegetable oils, fats and waxes
Kenya	S-2a	Live plants and floricultural products
Ukraine	S-17a	Railway and tramway vehicles and products
	S-3	Animal or vegetable oils, fats and waxes

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2016/331**of 8 March 2016****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

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 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.
- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 8 March 2016.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	IL	165,2
	MA	100,4
	SN	174,9
	TN	112,1
	TR	99,9
	ZZ	130,5
0707 00 05	JO	194,1
	MA	84,5
	TR	161,4
	ZZ	146,7
0709 93 10	MA	69,9
	TR	158,8
	ZZ	114,4
0805 10 20	EG	43,5
	IL	76,9
	MA	50,8
	TN	54,3
	TR	64,9
	ZZ	58,1
0805 50 10	MA	91,2
	TR	96,3
	ZZ	93,8
0808 10 80	CL	93,0
	CN	66,5
	US	151,9
	ZZ	103,8
0808 30 90	AR	106,4
	CL	157,2
	CN	112,4
	TR	58,3
	ZA	104,0
	ZZ	107,7

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories (OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2016/332

of 23 February 2016

on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision BiH/22/2014 (BiH/23/2016)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP of 12 July 2004 on a European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (the 'EU Force Commander').
- (2) On 4 December 2014, the PSC adopted Decision BiH/22/2014 ⁽²⁾ appointing Major General Johann LUIF as EU Force Commander.
- (3) On 22 January 2016, the EU Operation Commander recommended the appointment of Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER as the new EU Force Commander to succeed Major General Johann LUIF as from 24 March 2016.
- (4) On 29 January 2016, the EU Military Committee supported this recommendation.
- (5) Decision BiH/22/2014 should therefore be repealed.
- (6) In accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications.
- (7) On 12 and 13 December 2002, the Copenhagen European Council adopted a declaration stating that the 'Berlin plus' arrangements and the implementation thereof will apply only to those Member States of the Union which are also either NATO members or parties to the 'Partnership for Peace', and which have consequently concluded bilateral security agreements with NATO,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Major General Friedrich SCHRÖTTER is hereby appointed EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina as from 24 March 2016.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 252, 28.7.2004, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision BiH/22/2014 of 4 December 2014 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision BiH/19/2012 (OJ L 358, 13.12.2014, p. 17).

Article 2

Decision BiH/22/2014 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 24 March 2016.

Done at Brussels, 23 February 2016.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

W. STEVENS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/333**of 4 March 2016****appointing a member, proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the German Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) A member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Ms Dagmar MÜHLENFELD,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following is hereby appointed as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

— Herr Joachim WOLBERGS, *Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Regensburg*.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 4 March 2016.

For the Council

The President

S.A.M. DIJKSMA

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/334**of 4 March 2016****appointing two alternate members, proposed by the Republic of Lithuania, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Lithuanian Government,

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 January 2015, 5 February 2015 and 23 June 2015, the Council adopted Decisions (EU) 2015/116 ⁽¹⁾, (EU) 2015/190 ⁽²⁾ and (EU) 2015/994 ⁽³⁾ appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020.
- (2) Two alternate members' seats on the Committee of the Regions have become vacant following the end of the terms of office of Ms Odeta ŽERLAUSKIENĖ and Mr Jonas PINSKUS,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following are hereby appointed as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2020:

- Ms Andžela ŠAKINIENĖ, *Member of Klaipėda District Municipal Council*,
- Mr Kęstutis VAITUKAITIS, *Member of Elektrėnai Municipal Council*.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 4 March 2016.

For the Council
The President
S.A.M. DIJKSMA

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/116 of 26 January 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 20, 27.1.2015, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/190 of 5 February 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 31, 7.2.2015, p. 25).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/994 of 23 June 2015 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2015 to 25 January 2020 (OJ L 159, 25.6.2015, p. 70).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2016/335**of 7 March 2016****granting derogations from Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European environmental economic accounts with regard to Spain, France, Italy and Cyprus***(notified under document C(2016) 1341)***(Only the Spanish, French, Italian and Greek texts are authentic)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2011 on European environmental economic accounts ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 8(1) of Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 the Commission may adopt implementing acts with a view to granting derogations to Member States during the transitional periods referred to in the Annexes to Regulation (EU) No 691/2011, in so far as the national statistical systems require major adaptations.
- (2) Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Republic of Cyprus have requested such derogations due to the need for major adaptations to their national statistical systems in order to comply with Regulation (EU) No 691/2011. Those derogations should be granted to the requesting Member States.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Derogations from Regulation (EU) No 691/2011, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, are granted to the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Republic of Cyprus.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 7 March 2016.

For the Commission
Marianne THYSSEN
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 192, 22.7.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

DEROGATIONS

Member State	Derogation	End of derogation
Kingdom of Spain	Annex V — Environmental goods and services sector accounts	31 December 2018
French Republic	Annex VI — Physical energy flow accounts. Physical use table for energy flows (table B): total use and user breakdown of products 'P.14 Motor spirit (without bio)', 'P.17 Transport diesel (without bio)' and 'P.24 Liquid biofuels'	30 September 2019
	Annex VI — Physical energy flow accounts. Physical use table of emission-relevant use of energy flows (table C): total use and user breakdown of products 'P.14 Motor spirit (without bio)', 'P.17 Transport diesel (without bio)' and 'P.24 Liquid biofuels'	30 September 2019
	Annex VI — Physical energy flow accounts. Bridge table (table E): products 'P.14 Motor spirit (without bio)', 'P.17 Transport diesel (without bio)' and 'P.24 Liquid biofuels'	30 September 2019
Italian Republic	Annex V — Environmental goods and services sector accounts	31 December 2018
Republic of Cyprus	Annex IV — Environmental protection expenditure accounts	31 December 2019
	Annex V — Environmental goods and services sector accounts	31 December 2019
	Annex VI — Physical energy flow accounts	30 September 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2016/336

of 8 March 2016

on the application of Council Directive 2008/120/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs as regards measures to reduce the need for tail-docking

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Directive 2008/120/EC ⁽¹⁾ requires Member States to ensure that tail-docking is not carried out routinely but only where there is evidence that injuries to sows' teats or to other pigs' ears or tails have occurred.
- (2) The practice of tail-docking of pigs is carried out to prevent tail-biting, an aberrant behaviour which has a multifactorial origin. That practice is likely to cause pain to pigs and is therefore detrimental to their welfare.
- (3) Directive 2008/120/EC provides that before carrying out tail-docking other measures are to be taken to prevent tail-biting and other vices, taking into account environment and stocking densities. For that reason, inadequate environmental conditions or management systems are to be changed.
- (4) Directive 2008/120/EC also requires Member States to ensure that pigs have permanent access to a sufficient quantity of material to enable proper investigation and manipulation activities, such as straw, hay, wood, sawdust, mushroom compost, peat or a mixture of such ('enrichment material'), which does not compromise the health of those animals.
- (5) The European Food Safety Authority has provided scientific opinions on the risks associated with the tail-biting in pigs and possible means to reduce the need for tail-docking ⁽²⁾ and also a scientific opinion concerning a multifactorial approach on the use of animal and non-animal based measures to assess the welfare of pigs ⁽³⁾. The findings of those scientific opinions should be taken into account in the best practices referred to in this Recommendation.
- (6) Husbandry systems differ across the Member States. It is therefore necessary to recommend at Union level best practices aimed at reducing the need for tail-docking and optimised solutions for providing enrichment materials.
- (7) This Recommendation should be applied in accordance with the provisions of Directive 2008/120/EC and other relevant Union legislation applicable to the welfare of pigs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

1. When applying the general requirements on the prevention of tail-biting and thereby a reduction of routine tail-docking as laid down in Annex I to Directive 2008/120/EC, Member States should take account of the best practices guidance based on scientific knowledge set out in paragraphs 2 to 7.
2. Member States should:
 - (a) ensure that farmers carry out a risk assessment of the incidence of tail-biting based on animal and non-animal based indicators ('the risk assessment'); and
 - (b) establish compliance criteria with the requirements set out in the legislation and make them publicly available on a website.

⁽¹⁾ Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs (OJ L 47, 18.2.2009, p. 5).

⁽²⁾ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/611>

⁽³⁾ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/3702>

3. The following parameters should be checked when carrying out the risk assessment:

- (a) the enrichment materials provided;
- (b) cleanliness;
- (c) thermal comfort and air quality;
- (d) health status;
- (e) competition for food and space;
- (f) diet.

Based on the results of the risk assessment, appropriate management changes in farms should be considered, such as supplying appropriate enrichment materials, comfortable environmental conditions, assuring a good health status and/or providing a balanced diet for pigs.

4. Enrichment materials should enable pigs to fulfil their essential needs without compromising their health.

For that purpose, enrichment materials should be safe and have the following characteristics:

- (a) Edible — so that pigs can eat or smell them, preferably with some nutritional benefits;
- (b) Chewable — so that pigs can bite them;
- (c) Investigable — so that pigs can investigate them;
- (d) Manipulable — so that pigs can change their location, appearance or structure.

5. In addition to the characteristics listed in paragraph 4, enrichment materials should be provided in such a way that they are:

- (a) of sustainable interest, that is to say, they should encourage the exploratory behaviour of pigs and be regularly replaced and replenished;
- (b) accessible for oral manipulation;
- (c) given in sufficient quantity;
- (d) clean and hygienic.

6. In order to fulfil pigs' essential needs enrichment material should meet all the characteristics listed in paragraphs 4 and 5.

To that end, enrichment materials should be categorised as:

- (a) optimal materials — materials possessing all the characteristics listed in paragraphs 4 and 5 and therefore such materials can be used alone;
- (b) suboptimal materials — materials possessing most of the characteristics listed in paragraphs 4 and 5 and therefore such materials should be used in combination with other materials;
- (c) materials of marginal interest — materials providing distraction for pigs which should not be considered as fulfilling their essential needs and therefore optimal or suboptimal materials should also be provided.

7. In order to check that pigs have access to sufficient and proper enrichment materials, Member States should ensure that farmers follow best practices regarding appropriate indicators to monitor the welfare of the pigs kept under their care.

That assessment method for checking access to enrichment materials should include checks based on:

- (a) animal indicators, such as the presence of bitten tails, skin lesions and/or abnormal behaviour by pigs (such as a low level of interest in the enrichment materials provided, fights to use enrichment materials, biting elements other than the enrichment materials provided, rooting their faeces or in the case of sows, an increase in false nest building behaviour); and
- (b) non-animal indicators, such as the frequency of renewal, accessibility, quantity and cleanliness of the enrichment materials provided.

8. The Commission should monitor the application of this Recommendation and provide more detailed information on the best practices referred to in paragraphs 2 to 7, in line with the latest and most pertinent scientific knowledge on a publicly available Commission's website.
9. Member States, with the active involvement of farmers, should perform appropriate dissemination of the best practices referred to in paragraphs 2 to 7.

Done at Brussels, 8 March 2016.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

