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⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance.

II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Information concerning the date of entry into force of the Agreement amending for the second time the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement

The Agreement amending for the second time the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000, as first revised in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005 ⁽¹⁾, enters into force on 1 April 2017, in accordance with Article 93(3) of the Agreement, as the last instrument of ratification or approval was deposited on 27 January 2017.

Notice concerning the provisional application of the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part

The Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, signed in Brussels on 30 October 2016, shall, pursuant to its Article 30.2, be provisionally applied as from 1 April 2017. By virtue of Article 3 of the Council Decision of 28 October 2016 on signing and provisional application of the Agreement, the following parts of the Agreement shall be applied provisionally between the Union and Canada, but only to the extent that they cover matters falling within the Union's competence, including matters falling within the Union's competence to define and implement a common foreign and security policy:

- (a) Title I: Article 1;
- (b) Title II: Article 2;
- (c) Title III: Article 4(1), Article 5 and Article 7(b);
- (d) Title IV:
 - Article 9, Articles 10(2), 10(3), 12(4), 12(5) and 12(10), and Articles 14, 15, 16 and 17;
 - Articles 12(6), 12(7), 12(8), 12(9) and Article 13, to the extent that these provisions are limited to matters for which the Union has already exercised its competences internally;
- (e) Title V: Article 23(2);
- (f) Title VI: Articles 26, 27 and 28;
- (g) Title VII: Articles 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, to the extent that these provisions are limited to the purpose of ensuring provisional application of the Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p. 3.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 329, 3.12.2016, p. 45.

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/616

of 31 March 2017

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, 31 March 2017.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,*

Jerzy PLEWA

Director-General

Directorate-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	EG	288,4
	IL	288,6
	MA	104,6
	TN	194,1
	TR	115,8
	ZA	81,7
	ZZ	178,9
0707 00 05	TR	161,7
	ZZ	161,7
0709 93 10	MA	54,7
	TR	128,9
	ZZ	91,8
0805 10 22, 0805 10 24, 0805 10 28	EG	52,2
	IL	79,5
	MA	50,0
	TN	59,2
	TR	69,4
	ZA	99,3
	ZZ	68,3
0805 50 10	TR	74,4
	ZZ	74,4
0808 10 80	BR	106,5
	CL	116,3
	US	113,1
	ZA	114,1
	ZZ	112,5
0808 30 90	AR	116,8
	CL	135,9
	CN	114,0
	MA	115,2
	ZA	110,8
	ZZ	118,5

⁽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

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/617

of 27 March 2017

on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Greece

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under that Decision may not take place until the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of that Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply.
- (2) Article 20 of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA ⁽³⁾ provides that the verification that the above condition has been met with respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire, an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
- (3) Greece has informed the General Secretariat of the Council on the national DNA analysis files to which Articles 2 to 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA apply and the conditions for automated searching as referred to in Article 3(1) of that Decision in accordance with Article 36(2) of that Decision.
- (4) In accordance with point 1.1 of Chapter 4 of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and is to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
- (5) Greece has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on DNA data exchange.
- (6) A successful pilot run has been carried out by Greece with the Netherlands.
- (7) An evaluation visit has taken place in Greece and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the Dutch evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group.
- (8) An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning DNA data exchange, has been presented to the Council.
- (9) On 13 October 2016, the Council, having noted the agreement of all Member States bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA, concluded that Greece had fully implemented the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (10) Therefore, for the purposes of automated searching of DNA data, Greece should be entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Articles 3 and 4 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Opinion of 15 March 2017 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 12).

- (11) In its judgment of 22 September 2016 in Joined Cases C-14/15 and C-116/15, the Court of Justice of the European Union held that Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA unlawfully lays down the requirement of unanimity for the adoption of measures necessary to implement that Decision.
- (12) However, Article 33 of Decision 2008/615/JHA confers upon the Council implementing powers with a view to adopting measures necessary to implement that Decision, in particular as regards the receiving and supply of personal data provided for under that Decision.
- (13) As the conditions for triggering the exercise of such implementing powers have been met and the procedure in this regard has been followed, an Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Greece should be adopted in order to allow that Member State to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Articles 3 and 4 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (14) Denmark is bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and is therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (15) The United Kingdom and Ireland are bound by Decision 2008/615/JA and are therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of automated searching and comparison of DNA data, Greece is entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Articles 3 and 4 of Decision 2008/615/JHA as from 2 April 2017.

Article 2

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

This Decision shall apply in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2017.

For the Council
The President
C. ABELA

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/618**of 27 March 2017****on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Denmark**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA, the supply of personal data provided for under that Decision may not take place until the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of that Decision have been implemented in the national law of the territories of the Member States involved in such supply.
- (2) Article 20 of Council Decision 2008/616/JHA ⁽³⁾ provides that the verification that the above condition has been met with respect to automated data exchange in accordance with Chapter 2 of Decision 2008/615/JHA is to be done on the basis of an evaluation report based on a questionnaire, an evaluation visit and a pilot run.
- (3) In accordance with point 1.1 of Chapter 4 of the Annex to Decision 2008/616/JHA, the questionnaire drawn up by the relevant Council Working Group concerns each of the automated data exchanges and is to be answered by a Member State as soon as it believes it fulfils the prerequisites for sharing data in the relevant data category.
- (4) Denmark has completed the questionnaire on data protection and the questionnaire on vehicle registration data (VRD) exchange.
- (5) A successful pilot run has been carried out by Denmark with the Netherlands.
- (6) An evaluation visit has taken place in Denmark and a report on the evaluation visit has been produced by the Dutch and Swedish evaluation team and forwarded to the relevant Council Working Group.
- (7) An overall evaluation report, summarising the results of the questionnaire, the evaluation visit and the pilot run concerning VRD exchange, has been presented to the Council.
- (8) On 13 October 2016, the Council, having noted the agreement of all Member States bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA, concluded that Denmark had fully implemented the general provisions on data protection set out in Chapter 6 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (9) Therefore, for the purposes of automated searching of VRD, Denmark should be entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 12 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (10) In its judgment of 22 September 2016 in Joined Cases C-14/15 and C-116/15, the Court of Justice of the European Union held that Article 25(2) of Decision 2008/615/JHA unlawfully lays down the requirement of unanimity for the adoption of measures necessary to implement that Decision.
- (11) However, Article 33 of Decision 2008/615/JHA confers upon the Council implementing powers with a view to adopting measures necessary to implement that Decision, in particular as regards the receiving and supply of personal data provided for under that Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ Opinion of 15 March 2017 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (OJ L 210, 6.8.2008, p. 12).

- (12) As the conditions for triggering the exercise of such implementing powers have been met and the procedure in this regard has been followed, an Implementing Decision on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to VRD in Denmark should be adopted in order to allow that Member State to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 12 of Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (13) Denmark is bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and is therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA.
- (14) The United Kingdom and Ireland are bound by Decision 2008/615/JHA and are therefore taking part in the adoption and application of this Decision which implements Decision 2008/615/JHA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of automated searching of Vehicle Registration Data, Denmark is entitled to receive and supply personal data pursuant to Article 12 of Decision 2008/615/JHA as from 2 April 2017.

Article 2

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

This Decision shall apply in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2017.

For the Council
The President
C. ABELA

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/619**of 27 March 2017****appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of Spain, 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 Spanish 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. On 5 October 2015, by Council Decision (EU) 2015/1792 ⁽⁴⁾, Mr Borja COROMINAS FISAS was replaced by Ms Yolanda IBARROLA DE LA FUENTE as an alternate member.
- (2) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the term of office of Ms Yolanda IBARROLA DE LA FUENTE,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

— Mr Ignacio Javier GARCÍA GIMENO, *Director General de Asuntos Europeos y Cooperación con el Estado de la Comunidad de Madrid*.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2017.

For the Council
The President
C. ABELA

⁽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).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1792 of 5 October 2015 appointing five Spanish members and five Spanish alternate members of the Committee of the Regions (OJ L 260, 7.10.2015, p. 28).

**DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2017/620 OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE MEMBER STATES**

of 29 March 2017

appointing a Judge to the General Court

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 254 and 255 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 48 of Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union, as amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾, provides that the General Court consists of 47 Judges as from 1 September 2016. Article 2(b) of that Regulation fixes the term of office of the seven additional Judges in such a way that the end of their term of office corresponds to the partial replacements of the General Court which will take place on 1 September 2019 and 1 September 2022.
- (2) It is on that basis that Mr Colm MAC EOCHAIDH has been nominated for the post of additional Judge of the General Court.
- (3) The panel set up under Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union has given an opinion on the suitability of Mr MAC EOCHAIDH to perform the duties of Judge of the General Court.
- (4) Mr MAC EOCHAIDH should therefore be appointed for the period from the date of entry into force of this Decision to 31 August 2019,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Colm MAC EOCHAIDH is hereby appointed Judge of the General Court for the period from the date of entry into force of this Decision to 31 August 2019.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 29 March 2017.

The President

M. BONNICI

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union (OJ L 341, 24.12.2015, p. 14).

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2017/621
of 31 March 2017
amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in
Libya

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 July 2015 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) On 31 March 2016 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/478 ⁽²⁾.
- (3) In view of the gravity of the situation in Libya, the Council considers that restrictive measures against three persons should be extended for a further period of six months.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 17 of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, paragraphs 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

- ‘3. The measures referred to in Article 8(2) shall apply with regard to entries 16, 17 and 18 in Annex II until 2 October 2017.
4. The measures referred to in Article 9(2) shall apply with regard to entries 21, 22 and 23 in Annex IV until 2 October 2017.’.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2017.

For the Council
The President
L. GRECH

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 of 31 July 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya, and repealing Decision 2011/137/CFSP (OJ L 206, 1.8.2015, p. 34).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/478 of 31 March 2016 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 85, 1.4.2016, p. 48).

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/622**of 31 March 2017****amending the model certificate for imports of meat preparations in Annex II to Decision 2000/572/EC and the model certificate for imports of certain meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines in Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC in relation to the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies****(Text with EEA relevance)**

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 Articles 9(2)(b) and 9(4)(b) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 16 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2000/572/EC ⁽³⁾ lays down, inter alia, the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for the importation into the Union of consignments of meat preparations, including meat preparations derived from products of animal origin from bovine, ovine and caprine animals. Decision 2000/572/EC provides that such consignments are to be accompanied by a certificate complying with the model set out in Annex II thereto for consignments of meat preparations intended for importation into the Union (Meat preparations: MP-PREP). This model certificate includes guarantees for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).
- (2) Commission Decision 2007/777/EC ⁽⁴⁾ lays down, inter alia, the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for the importation into the Union of consignments of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines. This includes meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines of animal origin derived from bovine, ovine and caprine animals. Decision 2007/777/EC provides that such consignments are to be accompanied by a certificate complying with the model set out in Annex III thereto for consignments of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines intended for importation into the Union (Meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for import). This model certificate includes guarantees for BSE.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾ lays down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in bovine, ovine and caprine animals. Chapter C of Annex IX to that Regulation lays down the conditions for imports into the Union of products of animal origin from bovine, ovine and caprine animals as regards BSE.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 was amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1396 ⁽⁶⁾. Those amendments provide, inter alia, for clarification of the rules laid down in Chapter C of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 and for specific conditions for the importation into the Union of products of animal origin from bovine, ovine and caprine animals from third countries or regions with a negligible BSE risk.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 206.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision 2000/572/EC of 8 September 2000 laying down the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for imports of meat preparations into the Community from third countries (OJ L 240, 23.9.2000, p. 19).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Decision 2007/777/EC of 29 November 2007 laying down the animal and public health conditions and model certificates for imports of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption from third countries and repealing Decision 2005/432/EC (OJ L 312, 30.11.2007, p. 49).

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1).

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1396 of 18 August 2016 amending certain Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (OJ L 225, 19.8.2016, p. 76).

- (5) In particular, Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2016/1396, permits the importation of products of animal origin from bovine, ovine and caprine animals from third countries with a negligible BSE risk, also when these products are derived from raw material coming from countries with a controlled or an undetermined BSE risk, provided that specified risk material has been removed from such raw material.
- (6) The model veterinary certificate (Meat preparations: MP-PREP) set out in Annex II to Decision 2000/572/EC and the model veterinary certificate (Meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for import) set out in Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC should therefore be amended in order to reflect the requirements relating to the importation into the Union of products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin laid down in Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2016/1396.
- (7) Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) Regulation (EU) 2016/1396 provides that the amendments that it made to Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 are to apply from 1 July 2017. In addition, in order to avoid any disruption of imports into the Union of consignments of meat preparations and certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, the use of certificates issued in accordance with Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC as applicable prior to the amendments being introduced by this Decision should continue to be authorised during a transitional period subject to certain conditions.
- (9) 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 2000/572/EC is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

For a transitional period until 31 December 2017, consignments of meat preparations, accompanied by a model certificate issued in accordance with the model set out in Annex II to Decision 2000/572/EC and consignments of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, accompanied by a model certificate issued in accordance with the model set out in Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC, as applicable before the amendments made by this Decision, shall be authorised for importation into the Union provided that the certificate was issued no later than 30 November 2017.

Article 4

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

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 2017.

Done at Brussels, 31 March 2017.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX I

Annex II to Decision 2000/572/EC is amended as follows:

In the model veterinary certificate Meat preparations: MP-PREP, in Part II. Health information, in Part II.1 Public health attestation, point II.1.9 is replaced by the following:

- '(2) II.1.9. if containing material from bovine, ovine or caprine animals, the meat preparation is subject to the following conditions depending on the BSE risk category of the country of origin:
- (2) *either* [(1) the country or region of dispatch is classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk;
- (2) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;
- (2) *either* [(3) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived:
- (a) were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk;
- (2) [(b) have been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;]]
- (2) *or* [(3) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have not been slaughtered, after stunning, by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;]
- (4) the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;
- (2) *either* [(5) the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin does not contain and is not derived from mechanically separated meat, obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals;]
- (2) *or* [(5) the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin is derived from mechanically separated meat, obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals which were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk and in which there has been no BSE indigenous cases;]
- (2) [(6) (a) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, originate from a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing an undetermined BSE risk;
- (b) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have not been fed with meat-and-bone meal or greaves, as defined in the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, and
- (c) the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation was produced and handled in a manner which ensures that it did not contain and was not contaminated with nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process.]]
- (2) *or* [(1) the country or region of dispatch is classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a controlled BSE risk;
- (2) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;

- (3) the animals from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have not been killed, after stunning, by laceration of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity, or by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity;
 - (4) the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin does not contain and is not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals.]
- (²) or
- [(1) the country or region of dispatch has not been classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC or is classified as a country or region with an undetermined BSE risk;
 - (2) the animals, from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;
 - (3) the animals from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have not been fed meat-and-bone meal or greaves derived from ruminants, as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
 - (4) the animals from which the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin was derived, have not been killed, after stunning, by laceration of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity, or by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity;
 - (5) the meat preparation of bovine, ovine and caprine origin does not contain and is not derived from:
 - (a) specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;
 - (b) nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process;
 - (c) mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals.]'
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ANNEX II

Annex III to Decision 2007/777/EC is amended as follows:

The model veterinary certificate Meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines is amended as follows:

(a) In Part II.2 Public health attestation, point II.2.9 is replaced by the following:

'⁽²⁾ II.2.9. if containing material from bovine, ovine or caprine animals, the meat products and treated intestines are subject to the following conditions depending on the BSE risk category of the country of origin:

(⁽²⁾ either [(1) the country or region of dispatch is classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk;

(2) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;

(⁽²⁾ either [(3) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived:

(a) were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk;

(⁽²⁾ [(b) have been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;]]

(⁽²⁾ or [(3) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have not been slaughtered, after stunning, by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;]

(4) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin do not contain and are not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;

(⁽²⁾ either [(5) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin do not contain and are not derived from mechanically separated meat, obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals;]

(⁽²⁾ or [(5) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin are derived from mechanically separated meat, obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals which were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk and in which there has been no BSE indigenous cases;]

(⁽²⁾ [(6) (a) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, originate from a country or region classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing an undetermined BSE risk;

(b) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have not been fed with meat-and-bone meal or greaves, as defined in the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code, and

(c) the meat products were produced and handled in a manner which ensures that they did not contain and were not contaminated with nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process.]]

(⁽²⁾ or [(1) the country or region of dispatch is classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC as a country or region posing a controlled BSE risk;

- (2) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;
- (3) the animals from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have not been killed, after stunning, by laceration of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity, or by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity;
- (4) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin do not contain and are not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine and caprine animals;
- (2) ⁽⁴⁾ [(5) in the case of intestines originally sourced from a country or a region with a negligible BSE risk, the treated intestines are subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) the animals from which the intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin were derived were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region with a negligible BSE risk and have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;
 - (b) for intestines sourced from a country or region where there have been BSE indigenous cases:
 - ⁽²⁾ either [(i) the animals were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants has been enforced;]
 - ⁽²⁾ or [(i) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin do not contain and are not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.]]
- ⁽²⁾ or [(1) the country or region of dispatch has not been classified in accordance with Decision 2007/453/EC or is classified as a country or region with an undetermined BSE risk;
- (2) the animals, from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;
- (3) the animals from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived have not been fed meat-and-bone meal or greaves derived from ruminants, as defined in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
- (4) the animals from which the fresh meat and intestines used in the preparation of the meat products and treated intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine origin were derived, have not been killed, after stunning, by laceration of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity, or by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity;
- (5) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin do not contain and are not derived from:
 - (a) specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;
 - (b) nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process;
 - (c) mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine or caprine animals;
- (2) ⁽⁴⁾ [(6) in the case of intestines originally sourced from a country or a region with a negligible BSE risk, the treated intestines are subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) the animals from which the intestines of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin were derived were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in a country or region with a negligible BSE risk and have passed ante mortem and post mortem inspections;

(b) for intestines sourced from a country or region where there have been BSE indigenous cases:

(²) *either* [(i) the animals were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants has been enforced;]

(²) *or* [(i) the meat products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin do not contain and are not derived from specified risk material as defined in point 1 of Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.]]'

(b) In Part II of the Notes, footnote 3 is deleted.

