

**COMMISSION DECISION****of 26 October 2015**

**recognising the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products**

(2015/C 355/04)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 of 13 October 2015 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> sets out the conditions under which seal products resulting from hunts by Inuit or other indigenous communities and seal products from marine resources management may be placed on the Union market.
- (2) Any placing on the market of such products has to be accompanied by a document from a recognised body attesting that the conditions set out in Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 have been met.
- (3) On 30 July 2015 the Commission adopted a Decision <sup>(3)</sup> recognising the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 737/2010.
- (4) Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(4)</sup> amended Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(5)</sup>, which sets out the conditions under which seal products resulting from hunts by Inuit or other indigenous communities may be placed on the Union market.
- (5) Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 repealed Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 with effect from the date of application of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850.
- (6) On 12 October 2015 the Commission received a request accompanied by documentary evidence, from the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut, dated 9 October, to be re-authorised as a recognised body in light of the amendments to Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009.
- (7) The Commission, having carried out an assessment of the accompanying documentary evidence submitted to determine whether the requirements for recognising bodies under Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 in light of the amendments to Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 have been met, is satisfied that the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut fulfils the requirements under Article 3(1)(b) and (e) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850.
- (8) The Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut should therefore be granted the requested recognition,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut is recognised in accordance with Article 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 271, 16.10.2015, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 of 10 August 2010 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products (OJ L 216, 17.8.2010, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/biodiversity/animal\\_welfare/seals/pdf/c\\_2015\\_5253\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/biodiversity/animal_welfare/seals/pdf/c_2015_5253_en.pdf)

<sup>(4)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 on trade in seal products and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 (OJ L 262, 7.10.2015, p. 1).

<sup>(5)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on trade in seal products (OJ L 286, 31.10.2009, p. 36).

*Article 2*

The Director-General of the Directorate-General for Environment is instructed to ensure that the applicant is notified of this Decision and that the content of this Decision is published on the Commission's website without delay.

Done at Brussels, 26 October 2015.

*For the Commission*

*Member of the Commission*

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