

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1685****of 4 October 2019****designating a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare for poultry and other small farmed animals****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 95(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/329 <sup>(2)</sup> designated the consortium led by Wageningen Livestock Research and also composed of Aarhus University and Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute, as a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare responsible for supporting horizontal activities of the Commission and of the Member States in the area of welfare requirements for animals, which is referred to in Article 1(2)(f) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. According to the tasks set out in the European Union reference centres' multiannual work programme, the activities of this European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare focus on the welfare of pigs.
- (2) Subsequently, in accordance with Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission carried out a public call for the selection and designation of a second European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare, which should support the horizontal activities of the Commission and of the Member States in relation to the application of the rules laying down welfare requirements for poultry and other small farmed animals.
- (3) The evaluation and selection committee appointed for that public call concluded that the consortium led by the Agence Nationale de Sécurité Sanitaire de l'Alimentation (France), and also composed of the Institut de Recerca I Tecnologia Agroalimentàries (Spain), Aarhus Universitet – Institut for Husdyrvidenskab (Denmark), and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna (Italy) complies with the requirements laid down in Article 95(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and could be responsible for the tasks set out in Article 96 of that Regulation, as regards poultry and other small farmed animals.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/329 of 5 March 2018 designating a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare (OJ L 63, 6.3.2018, p. 13).

- (4) That consortium should therefore be designated as a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare in relation to poultry and other small farmed animals, responsible for supporting tasks insofar as they will be included in the European Union reference centres' annual or multiannual work programmes. The annual or multiannual work programmes are required to be established in conformity with the objectives and priorities of the relevant work programmes adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (5) Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 requires that the designation of a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare is to be limited in time or reviewed regularly. Therefore, the designation of the European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare for poultry and other small farmed animals should be reviewed every five years.
- (6) The designated European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare for poultry and other small farmed animals should be given sufficient time to prepare its work programme for the next budgetary period. Therefore, this Regulation should apply from 1 January 2020,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

1. The following consortium shall be designated as a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare responsible for supporting horizontal activities of the Commission and of the Member States in the area of welfare requirements for poultry and other small farmed animals:

Name: Consortium led by Agence Nationale de Sécurité Sanitaire de l'Alimentation (France), and also composed of Institut de Recerca I Tecnologia Agroalimentàries (Spain), Aarhus Universitet – Institut for Husdyrvidenskab (Denmark), and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna (Italy)

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2. The designation shall be reviewed every five years from the day of application of this Regulation.

#### *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*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2020.

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

Done at Brussels, 4 October 2019.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

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<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1).