

**DECISION OF THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE****No 44/2016****of 18 March 2016****amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) and Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement [2017/1874]**

THE EEA JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('the EEA Agreement'), and in particular Article 98 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/2285 of 8 December 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption as regards certain requirements for live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods and Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs <sup>(1)</sup> is to be incorporated into the EEA Agreement.
- (2) This Decision concerns legislation regarding veterinary matters and foodstuffs. Legislation regarding veterinary matters and foodstuffs shall not apply to Liechtenstein as long as the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products is extended to Liechtenstein, as specified in the sectoral adaptations to Annex I and the introduction to Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement. This Decision is therefore not to apply to Liechtenstein.
- (3) Annexes I and II to the EEA Agreement should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following indent is added in points 12 (Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) in Part 1.1 and 52 (Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005) in Part 6.2 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement:

— **32015 R 2285**: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/2285 of 8 December 2015 (OJ L 323, 9.12.2015, p. 2).'

*Article 2*

The following indent is added in point 54zzzj (Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005) of Chapter XII of Annex II to the EEA Agreement:

— **32015 R 2285**: Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/2285 of 8 December 2015 (OJ L 323, 9.12.2015, p. 2).'

*Article 3*

The text of Regulation (EU) 2015/2285 in the Icelandic and Norwegian languages, to be published in the EEA Supplement to the *Official Journal of the European Union*, shall be authentic.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on 19 March 2016, provided that all the notifications under Article 103(1) of the EEA Agreement have been made (\*).

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 323, 9.12.2015, p. 2.

(\*) No constitutional requirements indicated.

*Article 5*

This Decision shall be published in the EEA Section of, and in the EEA Supplement to, the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2016.

*For the EEA Joint Committee*  
*The President*  
Claude MAERTEN

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