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## II

(Non-legislative acts)

## REGULATIONS

## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/212

of 11 February 2015

**laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the technical specifications of the system to record and store data on each operation necessary for monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verification and audit, including data on individual participants in operations co-financed by OP II**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 32(8) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 463/2014 <sup>(2)</sup> lays down provisions necessary for the preparation of programmes. In order to ensure implementation of the programmes financed by the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (the 'FEAD'), it is necessary to lay down further provisions for the application of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014.
- (2) For the purposes of Article 32(2)(d) of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014, it is necessary to lay down technical specifications of the system to record and store in computerised form data on each operation necessary for the monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verification and audit.
- (3) The detailed technical specifications of the system to record and store data should be sufficiently documented to ensure audit trail of the compliance with the legal requirements.
- (4) The system to record and store data should also include appropriate search tools and reporting functions in order to be able to easily retrieve and aggregate information stored in it for monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verification and audit purposes.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

**General provisions**

The system to record and store data on operations referred to in point (d) of Article 32(2) of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 shall comply with the technical specifications set out in Articles 2 to 5.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 72, 12.3.2014, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 463/2014 of 5 May 2014 laying down pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived, the terms and conditions applicable to the electronic data exchange system between the Member States and the Commission (OJ L 134, 7.5.2014, p. 32).

*Article 2***Protection and preservation of data and documents and their integrity**

1. Access to the system shall be based on predefined rights for different types of users and shall be suppressed where it is no longer needed.
2. The system shall keep the logs of any recording, modification and deletion of documents and data.
3. The system shall not allow modification of the content of documents bearing an electronic signature. A time stamp certifying the deposit of the document bearing an electronic signature, shall be generated and associated with the document and shall not be alterable. Deletion of such documents shall be logged in accordance with paragraph 2.
4. The data shall be subject to regular back-ups. The back-up with replica of the entire content of the electronic file repository shall be ready for use in case of emergency.
5. The electronic storage facility shall be protected against any danger of loss or alteration of its integrity. Such protection shall include physical protection against inappropriate temperature and levels of humidity, fire and theft detection systems, adequate protection systems against virus attacks, hackers and any other non-authorised access.
6. The system shall provide for the migration of data, format and computer environment at intervals sufficient to guarantee legibility and accessibility of documents and data until the end of the relevant period referred to in Article 51(1) of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014.

*Article 3***Search and reporting functions**

The system shall include:

- (a) appropriate search tools enabling easy retrieval of documents, data and their metadata;
- (b) a reporting function enabling the generation of reports on the basis of predefined criteria, in particular for the data set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 532/2014 <sup>(1)</sup>;
- (c) a possibility of saving, exporting or printing reports referred to in point (b), or a link to an external application providing for such possibility.

*Article 4***Documentation of the system**

The managing authority shall provide detailed and updated functional and technical documentation on the operation and characteristics of the system, accessible on request by relevant entities responsible for the management of the programme, by the Commission and the European Court of Auditors.

The documentation referred to in the first paragraph shall provide evidence of the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 in the Member State concerned.

*Article 5***Security of information exchange**

The system used shall be protected by adequate security measures concerning document classification, protection of information systems and personal data protection. These measures shall comply with international standards and national legal requirements.

The security measures referred to in the first paragraph shall protect networks and transmission facilities where the system used interacts with other modules and systems.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 532/2014 of 13 March 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (OJ L 148, 20.5.2014, p. 54).

*Article 6***Entry into force**

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, 11 February 2015.

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

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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/213****of 11 February 2015****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 <sup>(1)</sup>,

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 <sup>(2)</sup>, 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, 11 February 2015.

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

*Director-General for Agriculture and Rural Development*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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	268,7
	IL	101,6
	MA	78,7
	TR	113,7
	ZZ	140,7
0707 00 05	EG	191,6
	JO	217,9
	TR	195,6
	ZZ	201,7
0709 91 00	EG	57,5
	ZZ	57,5
0709 93 10	MA	226,5
	TR	232,1
	ZZ	229,3
0805 10 20	EG	45,8
	IL	68,3
	MA	54,7
	TN	62,0
	TR	67,1
	ZZ	59,6
	0805 20 10	IL
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	MA	93,4
	ZZ	118,7
	EG	74,4
0805 50 10	IL	146,7
	JM	116,6
	MA	131,6
	TR	78,6
	ZZ	109,6
	TR	61,5
	ZZ	61,5
	0808 10 80	BR
0808 10 80	CL	89,9
	CN	119,5
	MK	22,6
	US	171,5
	ZZ	93,8
	ZZ	93,8

*(EUR/100 kg)*

CN code	Third country code <sup>(1)</sup>	Standard import value
0808 30 90	CL	291,0
	ZA	99,7
	ZZ	195,4

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 DECISION (EU) 2015/214**  
**of 10 February 2015**  
**endorsing the Shift2Rail Master Plan**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 of 16 June 2014 establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, and in particular Article 1(4) of Annex I thereto <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Shift2Rail Master Plan should be established and developed by the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, in consultation with the European Railway Agency and the European Rail Research Advisory Council (ERRAC) Technology Platform, to drive innovation in the rail sector in the long term.
- (2) The Shift2Rail Master Plan should identify the key priorities and the essential operational and technological innovations required from all stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking outlined in Regulation (EU) No 642/2014.
- (3) The Shift2Rail Master Plan should be performance driven and structured around a limited number of key thematic areas or Innovation Programmes as identified in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 642/2014.
- (4) The version of the Shift2Rail Master Plan approved by the Governing Board on 24 September 2014 and integrating major contributions from relevant stakeholders, constitutes the basis for the call for associated members launched by the Commission on 6 October 2014 in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 and the basis for establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking's work plan,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Sole Article*

The Shift2Rail strategic Master Plan is hereby endorsed.

Done at Brussels, 10 February 2015.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
E. RINKĒVIČS

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 177, 17.6.2014, p. 9.

**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/215****of 10 February 2015****on the putting into effect of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* on data protection and on the provisional putting into effect of parts of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* on the Schengen Information System for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(1) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 2000/365/EC, the Council authorised the United Kingdom to participate in parts of the Schengen *acquis*.
- (2) Following the notifications of the United Kingdom of its wish to make use of the possibilities in accordance with Article 10(4) and (5) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions, annexed to the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), Decision 2000/365/EC has been amended by Council Decision 2014/857/EU <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (3) In accordance with Article 4 of Protocol No 19 on the Schengen *acquis* integrated into the framework of the European Union ('Schengen Protocol'), annexed to the TEU and to the TFEU, Decision 2000/365/EC specifies in Article 6(3) thereof read in conjunction with Article 6(1) thereof, that the provisions referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) thereof, as well as other relevant provisions concerning the Schengen Information System (SIS) adopted since 1 December 2009, but not yet put into effect, are to be put into effect, between the United Kingdom and the Member States and other States for which these provisions have already been put into effect, when the preconditions for the implementation of those provisions have been fulfilled, by an implementing decision taken by the Council, acting with the unanimity of its members as referred to in Article 1 of the Schengen Protocol and of the representative of the Government of the United Kingdom.
- (4) In November 2012, the United Kingdom expressed its intention to commence implementation of the following parts of the Schengen *acquis*: the SIS and the related data protection rules.
- (5) In July 2013, a questionnaire was forwarded to the United Kingdom, whose replies were recorded, and a subsequent verification and evaluation visit was carried out in the United Kingdom in accordance with the procedures applicable in the area of data protection.
- (6) As regards the application of the Schengen *acquis* relating to data protection, the replies to the questionnaire, and the visit carried out in October 2013 demonstrated that the requirements relating to legislation, manpower levels, infrastructure and material resources had been satisfied.
- (7) Therefore, the Council was in a position to conclude on 3 March 2014 that the preconditions for the implementation by the United Kingdom of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* as referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to data protection, have been fulfilled, allowing those provisions and their subsequent developments to be provisionally put into effect for the United Kingdom.
- (8) The United Kingdom indicated that it was ready to provisionally put into effect the parts of the Schengen *acquis* referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to the functioning of the SIS, as from 13 February 2015.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 131, 1.6.2000, p. 43.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision 2014/857/EU of 1 December 2014 concerning the notification of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of its wish to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen *acquis* which are contained in acts of the Union in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters and amending Decisions 2000/365/EC and 2004/926/EC (OJ L 345, 1.12.2014, p. 1).

- (9) Within six months from the date of the provisional putting into effect of those parts of the Schengen *acquis*, evaluation visits should be carried out in the United Kingdom to evaluate the functioning of the SIS in order to verify whether the SIS functions properly and whether Council Decision 2007/533/JHA <sup>(1)</sup> is being applied correctly.
- (10) In accordance with the second paragraph of Article 23 of Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 <sup>(2)</sup>, the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 <sup>(3)</sup> ('Decision of 16 September 1998') continues to apply until 1 January 2016 with respect to the evaluation procedures of the United Kingdom for the purpose of that evaluation.
- (11) In view of the outcome of that evaluation, the final putting into effect of the relevant parts of the SIS for the United Kingdom should be subject to a further Council implementing decision adopted in accordance with Article 6(1) and (3) of Decision 2000/365/EC read in conjunction with Article 4 of the Schengen Protocol.
- (12) This Decision should therefore put into effect provisionally the parts of the Schengen *acquis* referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to the functioning of the SIS. Upon the successful completion of the above evaluations, the Council should, by 31 October 2015, examine the situation with a view to adopting an implementing decision setting the date for their final putting into effect.
- (13) In accordance with Article 2 of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the establishment of rights and obligations between Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the one hand, and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway, on the other, in areas of the Schengen *acquis* which apply to these States <sup>(4)</sup>, the Mixed Committee, established pursuant to Article 3 of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application, and development of the Schengen *acquis* <sup>(5)</sup>, has been consulted in accordance with Article 4 thereof with regard to the preparation of this Decision.
- (14) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* <sup>(6)</sup> which fall within the area referred to in Article 1 of Council Decision 1999/437/EC <sup>(7)</sup> read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC <sup>(8)</sup>.
- (15) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen *acquis* within the meaning of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* <sup>(9)</sup> which fall within the area referred to in Article 1 of Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU <sup>(10)</sup>,

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2007/533/JHA of 12 June 2007 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information Systems (SIS II) (OJ L 205, 7.8.2007, p. 63).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 of 7 October 2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis* and repealing the Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen (OJ L 295, 6.11.2013, p. 27).

<sup>(3)</sup> Decision of the Executive Committee of 16 September 1998 setting up a Standing Committee on the evaluation and implementation of Schengen (SCH/Com-ex (98) 26 def.) (OJ L 239, 22.9.2000, p. 138).

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 15, 20.1.2000, p. 2.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 36.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 52.

<sup>(7)</sup> Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 176, 10.7.1999, p. 31).

<sup>(8)</sup> Council Decision 2008/146/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis* (OJ L 53, 27.2.2008, p. 1).

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 21.

<sup>(10)</sup> Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen *acquis*, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

1. The provisions referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to data protection, shall be put into effect and apply to the United Kingdom in its relations with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, as from 13 February 2015.
2. The provisions referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to the functioning of the SIS, shall be put into effect and apply to the United Kingdom in its relations with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden, on a provisional basis and subject to conditions specified in this Article, as from 13 February 2015.
3. As from 1 March 2015, SIS alerts defined in Chapters V (alerts in respect of persons wanted for arrest for surrender or extradition purposes), VI (alerts on missing persons), VII (alerts on persons sought to assist with a judicial procedure), VIII (alerts on persons and objects for discreet checks or specific checks) and IX (alerts on objects for seizure or use as evidence in criminal proceedings) of Decision 2007/533/JHA, as well as supplementary information and additional data, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and (c) thereof, connected with those alerts, may be made available to the United Kingdom in accordance with that Decision.
4. As from 13 April 2015, the United Kingdom shall enter data into the SIS and use the SIS data referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, in accordance with Decision 2007/533/JHA.

#### Article 2

1. Within six months from the date of provisional putting into effect of the provisions referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to the functioning of the SIS, evaluation visits shall be carried out in the United Kingdom in accordance with the relevant procedures provided for in the Decision of 16 September 1998, in order to verify whether the SIS is functioning and whether Decision 2007/533/JHA is being applied correctly.
2. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Decision of 16 September 1998, the report of those evaluation visits shall be submitted to the Council.
3. Upon the successful completion of those evaluations, the Council shall, by 31 October 2015, in accordance with Article 6(1) and (3) of Decision 2000/365/EC read in conjunction with Article 4 of the Schengen Protocol, examine the situation with a view to adopting an implementing decision setting the date for the final putting into effect by the United Kingdom of the provisions referred to in Article 1(a)(ii) of Decision 2000/365/EC, in so far as they relate to the functioning of the SIS.

#### Article 3

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, 10 February 2015.

For the Council  
The President  
E. RINKĚVIČS

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/216****of 10 February 2015****amending Decision 2000/572/EC as regards the reference to the Harmonised System (HS) in the model certificate for meat preparations and amending Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Israel in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised***(notified under document C(2015) 438)***(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 <sup>(1)</sup> and in particular the introductory phrase of Article 8, the first subparagraph of point 1 of Article 8, point 4 of Article 8 and Article 9(4)(c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2007/777/EC <sup>(2)</sup> lays down animal and public health rules for imports into the Union and the transit and storage in the Union of consignments of meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, as defined in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (2) Part 2 of Annex II to that Decision sets out a list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of those commodities is authorised, provided that they have undergone the relevant treatment as set out in Part 4 of that Annex.
- (3) Israel is listed in Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as authorised, inter alia, for the introduction into the Union of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption obtained from poultry, farmed feathered game and wild game birds, which have undergone a non-specific treatment ('treatment A').
- (4) In June 2014, the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office carried out an audit in Israel to evaluate the animal health controls for poultry and poultry products intended for export to the Union ('the 2014 audit').
- (5) Several important shortcomings in relation to disease control measures for Newcastle disease and veterinary certification for poultry commodities intended for introduction into the Union were identified by the 2014 audit which were swiftly addressed by Israel.
- (6) Despite efforts and some improvements on biosecurity and other preventive measures for Newcastle disease carried out by Israel in recent years, outbreaks of that disease continue to regularly occur both in the backyard and in the commercial poultry sectors and that disease will most likely not be fully controlled and eradicated in the near future.
- (7) Due to the persistence of the Newcastle disease virus in Israel and continued outbreaks in commercial poultry flocks, it is necessary to provide for better guarantees for the safety of the introduction of poultry commodities from Israel to the Union.
- (8) The current 'treatment A', which does not prescribe to reach any particular temperature during the processing, prescribed for Israel in Decision 2007/777/EC is insufficient to eliminate animal health risks linked to the introduction into the Union of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption obtained from meat of poultry, farmed raptorial birds and wild game birds given the current epidemiological situation for Newcastle disease in that country.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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).

<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55).

- (9) Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC should therefore be amended in order to require the more severe 'treatment D' meaning that the commodities must be processed at a minimum temperature of 70 °C throughout the commodity in order to inactivate any possible Newcastle disease virus present in the raw material.
- (10) Due to the animal health situation in Israel it is also foreseen that for the introduction of other poultry commodities covered by Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> from that country to the Union to introduce restrictions of the introduction or additional animal health requirements including laboratory testing in order to improve the guarantees for such commodities by an amendment to this act.
- (11) Annex II to Commission Decision 2000/572/EC <sup>(2)</sup> sets out the model animal and public health certificate for meat preparations intended for consignment to the European Community from third countries and Annex III provides for a model certificate for transit and storage of meat preparations. In accordance with Part I of the Notes set out in those model certificates, the commodities to be imported or transited through the Union should be described by including a reference to the relevant HS codes 02.10, 16.01 and 16.02.
- (12) However, certain foodstuff of poultry origin which are defined as meat preparations are not covered by those HS codes. In order to allow the correct certification of those products the HS code 02.07 needs to be added in Part 1 of the Notes in the model animal and public health certificate for meat preparations intended for consignment to the European Community from third countries and the model for transit and storage of meat preparations.
- (13) In order to avoid unnecessary disruptions to trade, this Decision should provide for a transitional period to permit the introduction into the Union of consignments of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption obtained from poultry, farmed feathered game and wild game birds as well as consignments of meat preparations produced, sent or on their way to the Union before the entry into force of this Decision.
- (14) For the sake of market transparency and in accordance with public international law, it should be clarified that the territorial coverage of the certificates is limited to the territory of the State of Israel excluding the territories under Israeli administration since June 1967, namely the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank, which should be indicated in Part 2 of Annex II.
- (15) Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (16) 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*

**Amendments to Decision 2000/572/EC**

Annexes II and III to Decision 2000/572/EC are amended in accordance with Annex I to this Decision.

*Article 2*

**Amendments to Decision 2007/777/EC**

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

<sup>(1)</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 of 8 August 2008 laying down a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification requirements (OJ L 226, 23.8.2008, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> 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).

*Article 3***Transitional provisions for the amendments to Decision 2007/777/EC**

For a transitional period until 28 February 2015, consignments originating in Israel, including those transported on the high seas, of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines obtained from poultry, farmed feathered game and wild game birds which have undergone the non-specific treatment A laid down in Part 4 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as required by that Decision, before the amendments made by this Decision, shall continue to be authorised for importation into and transit through the Union provided that they are accompanied by a public and animal health certificate in accordance with Decision 2007/777/EC, completed, signed and dated no later than 31 January 2015.

*Article 4***Addressees**

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 February 2015.

*For the Commission*  
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS  
*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX I

In Annex II and Annex III to Decision 2000/572/EC, in the Model animal and public health certificate for meat preparations intended for consignment to the European Community from third countries and the Model for transit/storage, in Part I of the Notes, the line '— Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code of the World Customs Organisation: 02.10, 16.01 or 16.02.' is replaced by the following:

'— Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code of the World Customs Organisation: 02.07, 02.10, 16.01 or 16.02.'

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ANNEX II

Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC is amended as follows:

1. the entry for Israel is replaced by the following:

'IL (****)	Israel	B	B	B	B	D	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX'
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2. the following footnote is added:

'(\*\*\*\*) Hereafter understood as the State of Israel, excluding the territories under Israeli administration since June 1967, namely the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank.'

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