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supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption

(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ lays down rules for the performance of official controls and other control activities by the competent authorities of the Member States, in particular to ensure that consignments of animals and goods from third countries comply with the requirements for entry into the European Union.

Article 126(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to lay down the conditions that animals and goods entering the Union from third countries are to respect, to ensure that they comply with the relevant requirements established by the Union legislation or with requirements recognised to be equivalent thereto.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625² supplements the requirements for entry into the EU in accordance with Article 126(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards the identification of food-producing animals and certain goods subject to the inclusion of the country or region thereof or the establishment in a list and to the issuance of official certificates or presentation of a private attestation, and the specific conditions for entry in the Union for those animals and those goods.

It is necessary to further supplement Regulation (EU) 2017/625 by establishing additional conditions for the entry into the Union of animals and goods, to ensure that, upon the controls of food-producing animals and products of animal origin from third countries intended for the entry into the Union, those food-producing animals and those products of animal origin comply with restriction and requirements at least equivalent to, respectively, the restrictions on the use of veterinary medicinal products ('VMP') laid down in Union legislation and to the requirements on contaminants and residues of VMP and pesticides in food-producing animals and goods laid down in Union legislation by means of risk-based control plans.

The purpose of this Delegated Regulation is to lay down all supplementary requirements for the entry into the Union of animals and goods from third countries, in accordance with Article 126(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, in a single Delegated Regulation, thus merging the restrictions on the use of VMP and the requirements on contaminants and residues of VMP and pesticides with the requirements provided for in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625, which is to be repealed.

¹ 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) (OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1).

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 of 4 March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 18).

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

Member States' experts were consulted within the Commission Expert Groups on Residues of Veterinary Medicines³ and on Food Hygiene and Control of Food of Animal Origin⁴, which met on the subject on 3 August 2022 and on 3 June 2022, respectively.

In addition, stakeholders' organisations were consulted through the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health.

Third countries were informed by notification to the World Trade Organisation within the framework of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

Finally, before adopting this Delegated Regulation, the Commission conducted open and transparent public consultations in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Inter-institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making⁵.

This Delegated Regulation maintains the current requirements for the entry of animals and products of animal origin from third countries into the Union to guarantee the third countries' commitment to ensure that those animals and products of animal origin comply with restrictions and requirements at least equivalent to the Union restrictions on the use of VMP and to the Union requirements on contaminants and residues of VMP and pesticides in food-producing animals and goods.

As the Delegated Regulation is maintaining the current requirements, no impact assessment has been carried out.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The legal basis for the Delegated Regulation is Article 126(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

³ Reference E03595 in the Register of Commission Expert Groups and other similar entities.

⁴ Reference E03522 in the Register of Commission Expert Groups and other similar entities.

⁵ http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/better_regulation/documents/ia_blm_final_en.pdf.

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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 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)¹, and in particular Article 126(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 lays down rules for the performance of official controls and other official activities by the competent authorities of the Member States, in particular to ensure compliance, by consignments of animals and goods from third countries or regions thereof intended for human consumption, upon entry into the Union, with Union legislation on food and feed safety.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts to supplement the conditions laid down in that Regulation for the entry into Union of food-producing animals and certain goods. Those conditions may include additional requirements, namely the possibility of allowing the entry of animals and goods only from third countries that appear on lists drawn up by the Commission for that purpose. These additional requirements include guarantees of compliance with:
 - measures to monitor substances and groups of residues in animals and goods intended for human consumption, in accordance with Council Directives 96/23/EC² and 96/22/EC³;

¹ OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.

² Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10).

- the rules for the prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in live animals and products of animal origin, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴;
 - the general principles and requirements governing food in general and food safety in particular at Union and national level, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵;
 - the general rules for food business operators on the hygiene of foodstuffs, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁶;
 - the specific rules on the hygiene of food of animal origin for food business operators, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁷;
 - the specific rules on official controls performed, and for actions taken, by the competent authorities on the production of certain animals and products of animal origin intended for human consumption, in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624⁸ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627⁹.
- (3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625¹⁰ lays down such additional requirements and applies since 14 December 2019. It does not cover the requirements already laid down in Directive 96/23/EC.
- (4) At present, third countries from which animals and products of animal origin are authorised for the entry into the Union as regards the Union rules on public health are included and kept on lists drawn on the basis of various requirements, including the existence of a control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and

³ Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of beta-agonists, and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC (OJ L125, 23.5.1996, p. 3).

⁴ 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).

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1).

⁶ Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

⁷ 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).

⁸ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 of 8 February 2019 concerning specific rules for the performance of official controls on the production of meat and for production and relaying areas of live bivalve molluscs in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 1).

⁹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 of 15 March 2019 laying down uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards official controls (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 51).

¹⁰ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 of 4 March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 18).

contaminants setting out guarantees on the monitoring of certain groups of substances and their residues and contaminants, in accordance with the requirements of Directive 96/23/EC.

- (5) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 repealed Directive 96/23/EC with effect from 14 December 2019 and provided for the transitional application, until 14 December 2022, of certain provisions of that Directive.
- (6) The introduction of additional requirements to ensure compliance with the measures for monitoring substances and groups of residues in animals and goods intended for human consumption laid down in Directive 96/23/EC should be combined with the additional requirements already laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625.
- (7) It is thus appropriate to lay down all these additional requirements in one single Delegated Regulation, thereby simplifying their interpretation and application and enhancing transparency for third countries.
- (8) Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 lays down requirements for food business operators entering products of animal origin into the Union. Accordingly, the additional requirements laid down in this Regulation for official controls should be consistent with those already laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- (9) When laying down requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption, reference should be made to the Combined Nomenclature codes set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87¹¹, to identify these goods and animals clearly.
- (10) Consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption should only be allowed to enter the Union, based on a risk analysis, where the third countries or regions thereof from which these animals and goods originate can ensure compliance with the requirements on the safety of those animals and goods and those third countries or regions thereof are included, in accordance with Article 127(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, in the lists laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405¹².
- (11) In addition to the requirements laid down in Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, specific requirements should be laid down for certain animals and goods intended for human consumption, to ensure that third countries or regions thereof provide guarantees on the efficiency of official controls on food safety as regards those animals and goods. Third countries or regions thereof should only appear on the lists laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405, after having provided evidence and guarantees that the animals and goods originating in them comply with the Union requirements on food safety laid down in Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004, (EU) 2017/625, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627, or with requirements recognised to be equivalent thereto.
- (12) Under Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission may subject the decision to include third countries in lists laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU)

¹¹ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1).

¹² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 118).

2021/405 to the provision, by those third countries, of appropriate evidence and guarantees of compliance with the Union requirements on the use of pharmacologically active substances in food-producing animals and of the compliance of consignments of products of animal origin and composite products intended to enter into the Union with the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances, maximum residue levels of pesticides and maximum levels of contaminants established in Union legislation. This ensures that those food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products offer the same level of health protection as the one provided for by Union legislation on food and food safety.

- (13) To ensure that same level of health protection, evidence and guarantees should be provided by submitting a pharmacological substance, pesticide and contaminant control plan that meets certain requirements provided for in this Regulation. To ensure continuous compliance with those requirements, updated control plans should be submitted to the Commission on a yearly basis.
- (14) Third countries may also be included in the list laid down in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 if they provide appropriate evidence and guarantees that the food-producing animals and products of animal origin, including those used in composite products entering the Union, originate in a Member State or a third country included in a list of third countries with approved control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants for those food-producing animals and products of animal origin, including those used in composite products. Information on the procedures in place to ensure the traceability of the concerned food-producing animals and products of animal origin and to guarantee the origin of those animals and products should be provided to benefit from that listing.
- (15) Union legislation lays down rules on the use of pharmacologically active substances and establishes limits for their residues in products of animal origin arising from such use. Food-producing animals and products of animal origin including those used in composite products should only enter the Union from third countries ensuring that controls on the use of pharmacologically active substances and the residues thereof in products of animal origin are at least equivalent to those of the Union control plans included in the multi-annual national control plans referred to in Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/x¹³ [C(2022)4400] and Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/xx¹⁴ [C(2022)4401]. The rules laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808¹⁵ should apply to the official controls on those substances and residues.

¹³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/x of ... [C(2022)4400] supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with specific requirements for the performance of official controls on the use of pharmacologically active substances authorised as veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives and of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof (OJ L ..., ..., p. ...).

¹⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/xx of ... [C(2022)4401] on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on the use of pharmacologically active substances authorised as veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives and of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof, on specific content of multi-annual national control plans and specific arrangements for their preparation (OJ L ..., ..., p. ...).

¹⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808 of 22 March 2021 on the performance of analytical methods for residues of pharmacologically active substances used in food-producing animals and on the interpretation of results as well as on the methods to be used for sampling and repealing Decisions 2002/657/EC and 98/179/EC (OJ L 180, 21.5.2021, p. 84).

- (16) The use, in food-producing animals in the Union, of beta-agonists and substances that have a hormonal or thyrostatic action is prohibited under Directive 96/22/EC. Similarly, Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010¹⁶ lists in Table 2 of the Annex to that Regulation pharmacologically active substances that are prohibited for use in the Union. Only third countries that provide guarantees that food-producing animals and products of animal origin, including those used in composite products, comply with these provisions or with requirements recognised to be equivalent thereto should be allowed to enter the Union such animals and such products.
- (17) Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁷ lays down a coordinated control programme of the Union on the maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin, with a view to assessing consumer exposure and the application of legislation in the EU. This Union control programme forms an integral part of the multiannual national control programmes for pesticides residues that Member States are to establish. Food-producing animals and products of animal origin including those used in composite products should only enter the Union from third countries, which ensure that controls on pesticide residues are carried out according to the same stringent criteria as those imposed on Member States through the multiannual national control programmes for pesticide residues set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1355¹⁸. It should thus be ensured that evidence is provided through statistically representative sampling that the products intended for entry into the Union comply with Union legislation on pesticide residues.
- (18) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931¹⁹ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932²⁰ provide for the establishment and the content of risk-based control plans for contaminants in food. Products of animal origin and composite products should only enter the Union from third countries, which ensure that controls on contaminants are carried out to provide evidence that products of animal origin and composite products intended for the entry into the Union comply with EU legislation on contaminants.
- (19) Commission Decision 2011/163/EU²¹ sets out, in accordance with Directive 96/23/EC, a list of third countries authorised for the entry of certain animal species or products of animal origin into the Union.

¹⁶ Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 of 22 December 2009 on pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding maximum residue limits in foodstuffs of animal origin (OJ L 15, 20.1.2010, p. 1).

¹⁷ Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1).

¹⁸ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1355 of 12 August 2021 on multiannual national control programmes for pesticides residues to be established by Member States (OJ L 291, 13.8.2021, p. 120).

¹⁹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 of 23 March 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council by laying down rules for the performance of official controls as regards contaminants in food (OJ L162, 17.6.2022, p. 7).

²⁰ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 of 9 June 2022 on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls as regards contaminants in food, on specific additional content of multi-annual national control plans and specific additional arrangements for their preparation (OJ L162, 17.6.2022, p. 13).

²¹ Commission Decision 2011/163/EU of 16 March 2011 on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC (OJ L 70, 17.3.2011, p. 40).

- (20) Following the repeal of Directive 96/23/EC, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/xxxxx²² replaced Decision 2011/163/EU in its entirety.
- (21) Consignments of certain goods intended for human consumption should only be allowed to enter the Union where those goods are dispatched from, and obtained or prepared in, establishments which appear on the list drawn up and kept up to date in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. In addition, in order to ensure compliance with Union food hygiene rules, or with rules recognised to be at least equivalent thereto, it is appropriate to provide that, when drawing up and updating that list, the third country should provide additional guarantees to those provided for in Article 127(3), points (e)(i) and (iv), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.
- (22) The lists of establishments referred to in Article 127(3), point (e)(i), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 should be made available to the public to ensure transparency for food business operators and consumers. To strengthen such transparency, Member States should only allow the entry of consignments of animals and goods where the official certificates required for such consignments under the relevant Union rules are issued by the competent authorities of the third country after the publication of those lists.
- (23) It is not necessary to lay down such listing requirements as regards goods intended for transit, since those goods represent a low risk from a food safety perspective and are not placed on the market within the Union. Moreover, such requirements should not apply to establishments carrying out only primary production activities, transport operations, storage of products of animal origin not requiring temperature-controlled storage conditions or production of highly refined products of animal origin referred to in Section XVI of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- (24) Commission Regulation (EU) No 210/2013²³ requires establishments producing sprouts to be approved by the competent authorities in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004. In order to ensure compliance with Union food hygiene rules, or with rules recognised to be at least equivalent thereto, sprouts should only be allowed entry into the Union if they are produced in establishments, which appear on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with this Regulation.
- (25) In order to ensure compliance with Union food hygiene rules, or with rules recognised to be at least equivalent thereto, products from establishments manufacturing fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, meat products, mechanically separated meat and raw materials intended for the production of gelatine and collagen should only be allowed entry into the Union if those establishments appear on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625. In addition, the raw materials these products are manufactured from should come from establishments (slaughterhouses, game-handling establishments, cutting plants and establishments handling fishery products) appearing on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

²² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/xxxxx of ... amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the list of third countries with an approved control plan on the use of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances and pesticides and the maximum levels of contaminants (OJ L ..., ..., p. ...).

²³ Commission Regulation (EU) No 210/2013 of 11 March 2013 on the approval of establishments producing sprouts pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 68, 12.3.2013, p. 24).

- (26) Consignments of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods should only be allowed entry into the Union from production areas in third countries or regions thereof that appear on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 in order to ensure compliance with the applicable specific requirements for these products laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627, or with rules recognised to be at least equivalent thereto. The publication of those lists should ensure transparency for food business operators and consumers as regards the production areas from which live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods are allowed to enter the Union.
- (27) Consignments of fishery products should only be allowed to enter the Union where those consignments are dispatched from, obtained or prepared in an on-land establishment, reefer, factory or freezer vessels flying the flag of a third country that appears on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 in order to ensure compliance with Union requirements, in particular with the specific requirements for fishery products laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627, or with rules recognised to be at least equivalent thereto. The publication of such lists should ensure transparency for food business operators and consumers as regards the vessels whose fishery products may enter the Union.
- (28) The risk associated with composite products depends on the type of ingredients thereof and on the conditions of storage of those ingredients. Requirements on the consignments of composite products should therefore be laid down, to ensure that the composite products presenting a risk enter the Union from third countries authorised for entry into the Union pursuant to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405. Composite products presenting a risk are those that contain processed products of animal origin, for which specific requirements are laid down in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, or for which a residue-monitoring plan is required.
- (29) Given the number of notifications received in the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed established by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, the consignments of certain animals and goods intended to be placed on the market for human consumption present an enhanced risk of non-compliance with Union requirements on food safety. The consignments of such animals and goods should therefore be subject to individual certification for each consignment prior to the entry into the Union. That certification also contributes to reminding food business operators and the competent authorities of third countries or regions thereof of the relevant Union requirements. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235²⁴ lays down model animal health certificates or model official certificates or both for that purpose. Consignments for such animals and goods for which the Union is not the final destination should be accompanied by animal health certificates or official certificates with animal health attestation, whilst public health attestation for those animals and goods is not needed, since they will not be placed on the market in the Union. As regards certain composite

²⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 of 16 December 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates and model animal health/official certificates, for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods, official certification regarding such certificates and repealing Regulation (EC) No 599/2004, Implementing Regulations (EU) No 636/2014 and (EU) 2019/628, Directive 98/68/EC and Decisions 2000/572/EC, 2003/779/EC and 2007/240/EC (OJ L 442, 30.12.2020, p. 1).

products, which present a low risk, private attestation by the food business operator entering goods into the Union should replace the certification to ensure a proportionate, risk-based approach.

- (30) Shelf-stable composite products representing a negligible risk, such as those where the only animal product present in the final composite product are food improvement agents, namely vitamin D3, food additives, food enzymes or food flavourings, should be exempted from controls at the borders and from private attestation requirements.
- (31) The provisions of this Regulation aim to replace entirely those of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625. Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 should therefore be repealed.
- (32) As Annexes I, II, III and IV to Directive 96/23/EC cease to apply on 14 December 2022, this Regulation should apply from 15 December 2022,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

CHAPTER I: Scope and definitions

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

- 1. This Regulation supplements Regulation (EU) 2017/625 as regards the requirements for the entry in the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption from third countries or regions thereof in order to ensure that they comply with the applicable requirements established by the rules referred to in Article 1(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 or with requirements recognised to be at least equivalent thereto.
- 2. The requirements referred to in paragraph 1 cover:
 - (a) the identification of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption subject to the following requirements for entry into the Union:
 - (i) the requirement that those food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption shall come from a third country or region thereof listed in accordance with Article 126(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
 - (ii) the requirement that those food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption be dispatched from, and obtained or prepared in, establishments which comply with applicable requirements referred to in Article 126(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, or with requirements recognised to be at least equivalent thereto, and which appear on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), points (e)(ii) and (iii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
 - (iii) the requirement that each consignment of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption be accompanied, by an official certificate, or official attestation or any other evidence of compliance with the rules referred to in Article 1(2), point (a), of

Regulation (EU) 2017/625, such as a private attestation, in accordance with Article 126(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;

- (b) requirements for the entry into the Union of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption from a third country or region thereof, listed in accordance with Article 127(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (c) requirements that consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption from third countries be dispatched from, and obtained or prepared in, establishments which comply with the applicable requirements referred to in Article 126(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, or with requirements recognised to be at least equivalent thereto, and which appear on lists drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), points (e)(ii) and (iii) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (d) requirements for the entry into the Union for placing on the market of the specific following commodities in addition to the requirements laid down in accordance with Article 126 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625:
 - (i) fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, meat products, mechanically separated meat and raw materials intended for the production of gelatine and collagen;
 - (ii) live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods;
 - (iii) fishery products;
 - (iv) composite products;
- (e) additional requirements for the official certificates, official attestations and private attestations that shall accompany food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption for entry into the Union;
- (f) requirements for the use of pharmacologically active substances in food-producing animals and the residues thereof and for the levels of contaminants and pesticide residues in products of animal origin and composite products, where those food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products enter the Union from third countries and are intended to be placed on the market of the Union, and those requirements are necessary to ensure that such food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products provide a level of human health protection equivalent to that provided by the relevant Union rules on food safety;
- (g) the requirement that food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products shall only enter the Union from third countries that provide evidence and guarantees of compliance with the requirements set out in this Regulation by submitting a control plan.

3. This Regulation shall not apply to:

- (a) animals and goods not intended for human consumption, however when the destination of the animals and goods has not been decided on entry into the Union and intention for human consumption cannot yet be excluded, this Regulation applies;
- (b) animals and goods intended for human consumption only for transit through the Union without being placed on the market;

- (c) goods intended for human consumption for the purpose of samples for product analysis and quality testing without being placed on the market.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) 'entering the Union' or 'entry into the Union' means entering the Union or entry into the Union as defined in Article 3, point (40), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (2) 'consignment' means consignment as defined in Article 3, point (37), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (3) 'animals' means animals as defined in Article 3, point (9), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (4) 'goods' means goods as defined in Article 3, point (11), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (5) 'equivalent' means equivalent as defined in Article 2(1), point (e), of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004;
- (6) 'establishment' means an establishment as defined in Article 2(1), point (c), of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004;
- (7) 'official certificate' means official certificate as defined in Article 3, point (27), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (8) 'official attestation' means official attestation as defined in Article 3, point (28), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (9) 'private attestation' means an attestation signed by the food business operator entering goods into the Union;
- (10) 'placing on the market' means placing on the market as defined in Article 3, point (8), of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;
- (11) 'fresh meat' means fresh meat as defined in point 1.10 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (12) 'minced meat' means minced meat as defined in point 1.13 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (13) 'meat preparations' means meat preparations as defined in point 1.15 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (14) 'meat products' means meat products as defined in point 7.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (15) 'mechanically separated meat' means mechanically separated meat as defined in point 1.14 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (16) 'gelatine' means gelatine as defined in point 7.7 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (17) 'collagen' means collagen as defined in point 7.8 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (18) 'highly refined products of animal origin' means highly refined products referred to in Section XVI, point 1, of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;

- (19) ‘bivalve molluscs’ means bivalve molluscs as defined in point 2.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (20) ‘fishery products’ means fishery products as defined in point 3.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (21) ‘composite product’ means food containing both products of plant origin and processed products of animal origin;
- (22) ‘pharmacologically active substance’ means pharmacologically active substance as defined in Article 2, point (a), of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2090²⁵;
- (23) ‘contaminant’ means contaminant as defined in Article 1(1), second subparagraph, of Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93²⁶;
- (24) ‘pesticide residues’ means pesticide residues as defined in Article 3(2), point (c), of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005;
- (25) ‘product of animal origin’ means product of animal origin as defined in point 8.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (26) ‘control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants’ means a control plan on the use of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue levels of pesticides and the maximum levels of contaminants in food-producing animals, products of animal origin, including those used in composite products ;
- (27) ‘insects’ means food consisting of, isolated from or produced from insects or their parts including any life stadia of insects intended for human consumption which are, when applicable, authorised in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council²⁷ and included in the Union list of novel foods established by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470²⁸ (‘the Union list of novel foods’);
- (28) ‘transit’ means transit as defined in Article 3, point (44), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (29) ‘reptile meat’ means the edible parts, either unprocessed or processed, derived from farmed reptiles, belonging to the species *Alligator mississippiensis*, *Crocodylus johnstoni*, *Crocodylus niloticus*, *Crocodylus porosus*, *Timon lepidus*, *Python reticulatus*, *Python molurus bivittatus* or *Pelodiscus sinensis*, which are, when

²⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2090 of 19 June 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and Council regarding cases of suspected or established non-compliance with Union rules applicable to the use or residues of pharmacologically active substances authorised in veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives or with Union rules applicable to the use or residues of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances (OJ L 317, 9.12.2019, p. 28).

²⁶ Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993 laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food (OJ L 37, 13.2.1993, p. 1).

²⁷ Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on novel foods, amending Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1852/2001 (OJ L 327, 11.12.2015, p. 1).

²⁸ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 of 20 December 2017 establishing the Union list of novel foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel food (OJ L 351, 30.12.2017, p. 72).

applicable, authorised in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 and included in the Union list of novel foods;

- (30) ‘snails’ means snails as defined in point 6.2 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and any other species of snails of the family of *Helicidae*, *Hygromiidae* or *Sphincterochilidae*, intended for human consumption;
- (31) ‘food’ means food as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;
- (32) ‘feed’ or ‘feedingstuff’ means feed or feedingstuff as defined in Article 3, point (4), of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;
- (33) ‘audit’ means audit as defined in Article 3, point (30), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (34) ‘competent authorities’ means competent authorities as defined in Article 3, point (3), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (35) ‘sprouts’ means sprouts as defined in Article 2, point (a), of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013²⁹;
- (36) ‘primary production’ means primary production as defined in Article 3, point (17), of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;
- (37) ‘slaughterhouse’ means slaughterhouse as defined in point 1.16 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (38) ‘game-handling establishment’ means game-handling establishment as defined in point 1.18 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (39) ‘cutting plant’ means cutting plant as defined in point 1.17 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (40) ‘production area’ means production area as defined in point 2.5 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (41) ‘factory vessel’ means factory vessel as defined in point 3.2 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (42) ‘freezer vessel’ means freezer vessel as defined in point 3.3 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (43) ‘reefer vessel’ means a vessel equipped to store and transport palletised or loose cargo (bulk) goods in temperature-controlled holds or chambers;
- (44) ‘dairy products’ means dairy products as defined in point 7.2 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (45) ‘egg products’ means egg products as defined in point 7.3 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (46) ‘food business operator’ means a food business operator as defined in Article 3, point (3), of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.
- (47) ‘operator’ means operator as defined in Article 3, point (29), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625;
- (48) ‘border control post’ means border control post as defined in Article 3, point (38), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

²⁹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013 of 11 March 2013 on traceability requirements for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts (OJ L 68, 12.3.2013, p. 16).

CHAPTER II: Conditions for the entry into the Union as regards third countries of origin or regions thereof

Article 3

Food-producing animals and goods which are required to come from third countries or regions thereof that are included in the list referred to in Article 126(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625

Consignments of the following food-producing animals and goods intended for human consumption shall enter the Union only from a third country or region thereof included in the list for those animals and goods laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405:

- (a) live animals for which Combined Nomenclature codes ('CN codes') have been laid down in Part Two, Chapter 1, of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, where those live animals are food-producing animals;
- (b) products of animal origin, including reptile meat and dead whole insects, parts of insects or processed insects, intended for human consumption, for which the following codes have been laid down in Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87:
 - (i) CN codes in Chapters 2 to 5, 15, 16 or 29; or
 - (ii) Harmonised System headings ('HS headings') 0901, 1702, 2105, 2106, 2301, 3001, 3002, 3302, 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 3507, 3913, 3926, 4101, 4102, 4103 or 9602;
- (c) live snails, other than sea snails, referred to by the CN code 0307 60 00 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87;
- (d) pollen flour falling under the CN code ex 1212 99 95 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.

Article 4

Additional requirements for the entry into the Union of food-producing animals and goods from a third country or region thereof

In addition to the requirements laid down in Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission shall only decide on the inclusion of third countries or regions thereof in the list referred to in Article 126(2), point (a), of that Regulation if the following requirements are recognised by the Commission as being at least equivalent to the relevant requirements in the Union for the food-producing animals and goods referred to in Article 3 of this Regulation:

- (a) the legislation of the third country on:
 - (i) the production of products of animal origin;
 - (ii) the use of veterinary medicinal products, including rules on their prohibition or authorisation, their distribution, their placing on the market and the rules covering administration and inspection;
 - (iii) the preparation and use of feed, including the procedures for using additives and the preparation and use of medicated feedingstuffs, as well as the hygiene

- quality of the raw materials used for preparing feedingstuffs and of the final product;
- (b) the hygiene conditions of production, manufacture, handling, storage and dispatch currently applied to products of animal origin destined for the Union;
 - (c) any experience of marketing of the products of animal origin from the third country and the results of any official controls on entry in the Union;
 - (d) when available, the results of audits carried out by the Commission in the third country related to other food-producing animals and goods for which the third country is already listed in accordance with Article 127(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, in particular the results of the assessment of the competent authorities in the third country audited, and the action that the competent authorities have taken in the light of any recommendations addressed to them following such audits by the Commission;
 - (e) the existence, implementation and communication of a zoonoses control programme approved by the Commission when applicable;
 - (f) the third country's requirements as regards pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants, in accordance with Article 6.

Article 5

Animals and products to which Articles 6 to 12 apply

1. The requirements laid down in Articles 6 to 12 shall apply to the following animals and products:
 - (a) live animals for which CN codes have been laid down in Part Two, Section 1, Chapter 1, of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, where those animals are food-producing animals;
 - (b) products of animal origin, for which CN codes have been laid down in Part Two, Chapters 2 to 5, 15 and 16 of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, and for which Harmonised System subheadings ('HS subheadings') have been laid down under HS headings 0901, 2105, 3501, 3502 and 3504;
 - (c) composite products for which CN codes have been laid down in Part Two, Section III, Chapter 15, and Section IV, Chapters 16 to 22, of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.
2. The requirements laid down in Articles 6 to 12 shall not apply to
 - gelatine and to raw materials for the production of gelatine, referred to in Section XIV, Chapter I, point 1, of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, and
 - collagen and to raw materials for the production of collagen, referred to in Section XV, Chapter I, point 1, of Annex III to that Regulation, and
 - highly refined products of animal origin, and
 - insects, frogs, frogs' legs, snails, reptiles and reptile meat.

Article 6

Additional requirements for the entry into the Union of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products, as regards pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof, contaminants and pesticide residues

1. In addition to the requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625, consignments of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products shall enter the Union only from a third country that has in place a control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants setting out guarantees as regards compliance with:
 - (a) the Union requirements on the use of pharmacologically active substances, the maximum residue limits of pharmacologically active substances, maximum residue levels of pesticides and maximum levels of contaminants; and
 - (b) the additional requirements specified in Articles 9 to 12 of this Regulation.
2. In addition to the requirements laid down in Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission shall decide on the inclusion of a third country in the list referred to in Article 126(2), point (a), of that Regulation only if that third country provides evidence and guarantees of compliance with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article, together with the information listed in Part II of Annex I to this Regulation, in the request for inclusion in the list of third countries which that third country is to submit under Article 127(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.
3. After having approved the inclusion of the third country in the list of authorised third countries, the Commission shall ensure, in accordance with Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, that the third country continues to comply with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article.
4. For the purposes of paragraph 3, the Commission shall take into account the updated evidence and guarantees of compliance with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1, including the required information on the third country's control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants in accordance with Part II of Annex I, to be submitted by that third country by 31 March of each year.

Article 7

Inclusion of a third country in a list of third countries that comply with Union requirements on pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof, contaminants and pesticide residues

In addition to the conditions laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625, consignments of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products, shall enter the Union only from a third country that complies with the requirements provided for in Article 6(1) and is included in the list of third countries approved for the entry into the Union of the concerned food-producing animals or products of animal origin, set out in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405.

Article 8

Derogation from the requirements for the entry into the Union of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products

1. By way of derogation from Article 7, consignments of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products may enter the Union from third countries that do not have an approved control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants but ensure that the food-producing animals and products of animal origin, including those used in composite products, originate in a Member State or a third country included in the list set out in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards those food-producing animals or products of animal origin.
2. In addition to the requirements laid down in Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission shall decide on the inclusion of a third country in the list referred to in Article 126(2), point (a), of that Regulation only if the competent authority of that third country provides the Commission with evidence and guarantees of compliance with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article. Such evidence and guarantees shall consist of information on the procedures in place in that third country to guarantee the traceability and origin of those food-producing animals and those products of animal origin.
3. Where a third country is included, in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2), in the list of authorised third countries for specific food-producing animals or products of animal origin, the entry for that third country shall be accompanied by the following note:

‘Third country, only entering the Union specific food-producing animals or products of animal origin – as such or as ingredients of composite products –, which originate (a) from other third countries authorised for the entry into the Union of such food-producing animals or products of animal origin, or (b) from Member States, in accordance with Article 8 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/... [*Publications Office: please insert in the text the number of this Regulation*].’

For third countries that, because of animal health requirements, may not enter the Union specific food-producing animals or products of animal origin as such, the entry for that third country shall be accompanied by the following note:

‘Third country, only entering the Union composite products containing processed products of animal origin, which originate (a) from other third countries authorised for the entry into the Union of such products of animal origin, or (b) from Member States, in accordance with Article 8 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/... [*Publications Office: please insert in the text the number of this Regulation*].’
4. For the production of casings intended for entry into the Union, third countries may use raw materials of animal origin sourced from Member States or from other third countries or regions thereof which are authorised for the entry into the Union of fresh meat, or of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, and which are listed in the relevant lists of such fresh meat and meat products of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404³⁰ or Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405. Third countries entering the Union casings shall be listed in Annex -I

³⁰ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin is permitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 1).

to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 for casings. In addition, the establishments from which the casings are to be entered the Union shall be listed in accordance with Article 13(1) of this Regulation.

5. After having approved the inclusion of the third country in the lists of authorised third countries referred to in this Article, the Commission shall ensure, in accordance with Article 127(4) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, that the third country continues to comply with the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article.

CHAPTER III: Conditions for the entry into the Union as regards the use of pharmacologically active substances and residues thereof, contaminants and pesticide residues

Article 9

Requirements as regards the use of pharmacologically active substances in food-producing animals and residues thereof in products of animal origin and composite products

1. Food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products shall only enter the Union from third countries which provide guarantees that the controls on the use of pharmacologically active substances referred to in Annex I to Delegated Regulation 2022/x [C(2022)4400] and on the residues thereof are at least equivalent to those required for the multiannual national control plans of Member States referred to in Article 4 of Implementing Regulation 2022/xx [C(2022)4401].
2. Where a third country authorises the use in food-producing animals of pharmacologically active substances which are not authorised for such animals in the Union, food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products shall only enter the Union insofar as that third country provides guarantees that no residues thereof are present in those animals and products. The methods of analysis used to demonstrate the absence of such residues shall comply with the requirements laid down in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808 or with requirements equivalent thereto.

Article 10

Requirements as regards the prohibition of certain substances

1. Food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products shall only enter the Union from third countries which provide guarantees of compliance with the prohibition of the use of beta-agonists and any stilbene, thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic and gestagenic substances in farm animals laid down in Directive 96/22/EC, and with the prohibition of the use of the substances listed in Table 2 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010.
2. Food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products from third countries that authorise the use of the substances referred to in paragraph 1 in food-producing animals or do not have rules on the use of those substances shall only enter the Union insofar as those third countries provide guarantees that:
 - (a) they have set up a segregated production system to ensure that food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products intended for entry

into the Union are not treated with the substances referred to in paragraph 1, and

- (b) they have set up an appropriate animal identification and traceability system, as well as a system for the control of the distribution of the substances referred to in paragraph 1 and for the record keeping of the administration of veterinary medicinal products.

Article 11

Requirements as regards residues of pesticides in products of animal origin and composite products

Products of animal origin and composite products shall only enter the Union from third countries which provide guarantees that representative controls on pesticide residues are performed in order to demonstrate that those products comply with the maximum residue levels laid down in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. Those guarantees shall be at least equivalent to those provided for by the multiannual national control programmes for pesticide residues referred to in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1355.

Article 12

Requirements as regards contaminants in products of animal origin and composite products

Products of animal origin and composite products shall only enter the Union from third countries which provide guarantees that those products comply with the maximum tolerances for contaminants established on the basis of Regulation (EEC) No 315/93. Those guarantees shall be at least equivalent to those provided for by the multiannual national control plans established in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932

CHAPTER IV:

Conditions for the entry into the Union as regards establishments

Article 13

Requirements for establishments

1. Consignments of the following goods shall only enter the Union where those consignments are dispatched from, and obtained or prepared in, establishments that appear on lists drawn up and kept up-to-date in accordance with Article 127(3), points (e)(ii) and (iii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625:
 - (a) products of animal origin, for which requirements are laid down in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, and for which the following codes have been laid down in Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87:
 - (i) CN codes in Chapters 2 to 5, 15 or 16; or
 - (ii) HS subheadings under headings 1702, 2105, 2106, 2301, 2932, 3001, 3002, 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 4101, 4102 or 4103;
 - (b) sprouts falling under the following HS subheadings: 0704 90, 0706 90, 0708 10, 0708 20, 0708 90 or 1214 90 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.

2. Establishments referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may be placed on the lists referred to in Article 127(3), point (e), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 only if, in addition to the guarantees laid down in Article 127(3), points (e)(ii) and (iv), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the third country where the establishments are located provides the following guarantees:
 - (a) such establishments, together with any establishments handling raw materials of animal origin used in the manufacture of the products of animal origin referred to in paragraph 1(a), comply with applicable requirements referred to in Article 126(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, in particular those of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, or with requirements recognised to be at least equivalent thereto;
 - (b) such establishments, where appropriate, only handle raw materials of animal origin that come from third countries with an approved residue monitoring plan for that product category in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/xxxx [C(2022)4400] and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/xxx [C(2022)4401], or from Member States;
 - (c) it has real powers to stop such establishments from entering the Union, products of animal origin in the event that the establishments fail to meet the relevant Union requirements or requirements recognised to be at least equivalent thereto.
3. The Commission shall provide the Member States with any new and updated lists that it receives from the competent authorities of the third country in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e)(iii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and shall publish such lists on its website.
4. Member States shall only allow the entry into the Union of the consignments referred to in paragraph 1 provided that the official certificates which are required to accompany such consignments pursuant to applicable Union rules are issued by the competent authorities of the third country starting with the date of publication, by the Commission, of the lists of establishments referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 14

Establishments not subject to the requirements of Article 13(1)

The requirements laid down in Article 13(1) shall not apply to establishments that only carry out the following activities:

- (a) primary production;
- (b) transport operations;
- (c) storage of products of animal origin not requiring temperature-controlled storage conditions;
- (d) production of highly refined products of animal origin referred to by HS headings 2930, 2932, 3503, 3507 or 3913 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87;
- (e) production of gelatine capsules referred to by HS headings 3913, 3926 or 9602 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87.

CHAPTER V: Additional requirements for the entry into the Union of certain goods intended for human consumption

Article 15

Requirements for consignments of fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, mechanically separated meat and meat products, and raw materials intended for the production of gelatine and collagen

Consignments of the following products of animal origin shall only enter the Union if they have been manufactured from raw materials obtained in slaughterhouses, game-handling establishments, cutting plants and establishments handling fishery products, appearing on lists of establishments drawn up and kept up-to-date in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625:

- (a) fresh meat;
- (b) minced meat;
- (c) meat preparations;
- (d) mechanically separated meat and meat products, excluding casings as defined in Article 2, point (45), of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2020/692³¹;
- (e) raw materials intended for the production of gelatine and collagen referred to, respectively, in Section XIV, Chapter I, point 4(a), and in Section XV, Chapter I, point 4(a), of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

Article 16

Requirements for consignments of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods

1. Notwithstanding Article 14 of this Regulation, consignments of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods for which CN codes have been laid down under heading 0307 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 shall enter the Union only from production areas in third countries that appear on lists drawn up by the competent authorities of the third country in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and published by the Commission.
2. The following products may enter the Union, even if harvested in areas which have not been classified by the competent authorities in the third country of production in accordance with Article 18(6) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625:
 - (a) *pectinidae*, except where data from monitoring programmes established under Article 57 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 enable the competent authorities to classify fishing grounds as provided for in Section VII, Chapter IX, point 2, of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;

³¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 of 30 January 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 379).

- (b) marine gastropods that are not filter feeders and echinoderms that are not filter feeders.

Article 17

Listing of production areas

1. Before the lists referred to in Article 16(1) of this Regulation are drawn up by the competent authorities of the third country, particular account shall be taken of the guarantees that the competent authorities of the third country can give concerning compliance with the requirements of Article 52 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 on the classification and control of production areas.
2. The Commission shall carry out an on-the-spot control visit before the lists referred to in Article 16(1) are drawn up.
3. Once the lists referred to in Article 16(1) are drawn up, and where the competent authorities of the third country offer sufficient guarantees on the classification and control of production areas under their responsibility, the on-the-spot Commission control visit does not need to be carried out prior to the addition of a new production area to an existing list established in accordance with Article 13.

Article 18

Special requirements for fishery products

Consignments of fishery products for which CN codes have been laid down under headings 0301, 0302, 0303, 0304, 0305, 0306, 0307, 0308, 0309, 1504, 1516, 1517, 1603, 1604, 1605 or 2106 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, shall enter the Union for placing on the market only if they have been obtained or prepared, at any stage of their production, in an on-land establishment, a factory or freezer vessel or stored in a cold-store or a reefer vessel that appears on a list drawn up and updated in accordance with Article 127(3), point (e), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and published by the Commission.

Article 19

Special requirements for listing vessels

1. A vessel may be included in the lists of establishments referred to in Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 provided that the competent authorities of the third country whose flag the vessel is flying, and the competent authorities of another third country to which the competent authorities of the third country whose flag the vessel is flying have delegated responsibility for the inspection of the vessel concerned, provide the Commission with a joint communication stating that all of the following requirements are met:
 - (a) both third countries appear on the list of third countries or regions thereof, drawn up in accordance with Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, from which entry into the Union of fishery products is permitted;
 - (b) all fishery products from the vessel concerned that are destined for placing on the market in the Union are landed directly in the third country to which the third country whose flag the vessel is flying has delegated responsibility for the inspection of the vessel concerned;

- (c) the delegated competent authorities have inspected the vessel and have declared that it complies with the applicable Union requirements;
 - (d) the delegated competent authorities have declared that they will regularly inspect the vessel to ensure that it continues to comply with the applicable Union requirements.
2. A vessel may be included in the lists of establishments referred to in Article 127(3), point (e)(ii), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on the basis of a joint communication from the competent authorities of the third country whose flag the vessel is flying and from the competent authorities of a Member State to which the competent authorities of the third country whose flag the vessel is flying have delegated responsibility for the inspection of the vessel concerned, if all of the following requirements are met:
- (a) all fishery products from the vessel concerned that are destined for placing on the market in the Union are landed directly in the Member State to which the third country whose flag the vessel is flying has delegated responsibility for the inspection of the vessel concerned;
 - (b) the delegated competent authorities have inspected the vessel and have declared that it complies with the applicable Union requirements;
 - (c) the delegated competent authorities have declared that they will regularly inspect the vessel to ensure that it continues to comply with the applicable Union requirements.

Article 20

Requirements for consignments of composite products

1. Consignments of composite products referred to by the CN codes under headings 1517, 1518, 1601 00, 1602, 1603 00, 1604, 1605, 1702, 1704, 1806, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1905, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2101, 2103, 2104, 2105 00, 2106, 2202 or 2208 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 shall enter the Union for placing on the market only if each processed product of animal origin contained in the composite products was either produced in establishments that are located in third countries or regions thereof and authorised to enter the Union those processed products of animal origin in accordance with Article 13 of this Regulation or in establishments located in Member States.
2. Pending the establishment by the Commission of a specific list of third countries or regions thereof authorised to enter the Union composite products , consignments of composite products from third countries or regions thereof may enter the Union, subject to compliance with the following rules:
 - (a) composite products referred to in paragraph 1 that need to be transported or stored under controlled temperatures shall originate from third countries or regions thereof authorised, under Article 3, to enter the Union each processed product of animal origin contained in the composite products;
 - (b) composite products referred to in paragraph 1 that do not need to be transported or stored under controlled temperatures and that contain any quantity of colostrum-based products or meat products, shall originate from third countries or regions thereof authorised, under Article 3, to enter the Union

the colostrum-based products or meat products contained in the composite products;

- (c) composite products referred to in paragraph 1 that do not need to be transported or stored under controlled temperatures and that contain processed products of animal origin other than colostrum-based products or meat products, for which requirements are laid down in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, shall originate from third countries or regions thereof that are authorised, under Article 3 of this Regulation, to enter the Union meat products, dairy products, fishery products or egg products on the basis of Union animal and public health requirements and are listed at least for one of these products of animal origin.
3. The third countries or regions thereof entering the Union composite products shall be listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as having an approved control plan, in accordance with Article 6 of this Regulation, for the species or commodities from which the processed products of animal origin contained in the composite products, with the exception of collagen, gelatine and highly refined products of animal origin, are derived.
4. Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall not apply to shelf-stable composite products that only contain processed products of animal origin or composite products that fall under the scope of Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council³², Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council³³, Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council³⁴, or that only contain vitamin D3.

CHAPTER VI: Conditions for the entry into the Union as regards certification and attestation

Article 21

Official certificates

1. Each consignment of the following products shall enter the Union only where the consignment is accompanied by an official certificate except in case of consignments for which the Union is not the final destination:
 - (a) live animals for which CN codes have been laid down in Part Two, Section I, Chapter 1, of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, where those live animals are food-producing animals;

³² Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food enzymes and amending Council Directive 83/417/EEC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, Directive 2000/13/EC, Council Directive 2001/112/EC and Regulation (EC) No 258/97 (OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 7).

³³ Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives (OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 16).

³⁴ Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91, Regulations (EC) No 2232/96 and (EC) No 110/2008 and Directive 2000/13/EC (OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 34).

- (b) products of animal origin intended for human consumption, for which the following codes have been laid down in Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87:
 - (i) CN codes in Chapters 2 to 5, 15, 16 or 29; or
 - (ii) HS headings 0901, 1702, 2105, 2106, 2301, 3001, 3002, 3501, 3502, 3503, 3504, 3507, 3913, 3926, 4101, 4102, 4103 or 9602;
 - (c) sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts and referred to by the following HS subheadings: 0704 90, 0706 90, 0708 10, 0708 20, 0708 90, 0712 34, 0712 35, 0712 50, 0712 60, 0713 10, 0713 33, 0712 34, 0713 39, 0713 40, 0713 90, 0910 99, 1201 10, 1201 90, 1207 50, 1207 99, 1209 10, 1209 21, 1209 91 or 1214 90 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87;
 - (d) pollen flour referred to by the CN code 1212 99 95 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87;
 - (e) live snails, other than sea snails, referred to by the CN code 0307 60 00 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87;
 - (f) composite products referred to in Article 20(2), points (a) and (b), of this Regulation, with the exclusion of shelf-stable composite products that do not contain colostrum-based products or processed meat other than gelatine, collagen or highly refined products of animal origin .
2. When consignments of fishery products enter the Union directly from a reefer, factory or a freezer vessel flying the flag of a third country, the official certificate referred to in Article 14(3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 may be signed by the captain.
 3. No official certificate is necessary for the entry into the Union of gelatine capsules covered by HS headings 3913, 3926 or 9602 of Part Two of Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, where those capsules are not derived from ruminant bones.
 4. The official certificates referred to in paragraph 1 shall certify that the products comply with:
 - (a) the requirements laid down in Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 852/2004 and (EC) No 853/2004 or provisions recognised to be equivalent to those requirements;
 - (b) any specific requirements for entry into the Union set out in this Regulation.
 5. The official certificates referred to in paragraph 1 may include details required in accordance with other Union legislation on public and animal health matters.
 6. The official certificate for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts referred to in paragraph 1(c) shall accompany the consignment until it reaches its destination as indicated in the official certificate. In the case of splitting of the consignment, a copy of the official certificate shall accompany each part of the consignment.
 7. The competent authorities of the third country of dispatch may certify consignments of products of animal origin that only require public health attestation, or consignments of sprouts, coming from another third country, if the competent authorities of the third country of dispatch can ensure compliance of the

consignments with the requirements for entry into the Union laid down in this Regulation

Article 22

Private attestation

1. A private attestation confirming that the consignments comply with the applicable requirements referred to in Article 126(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, prepared and signed by the food business operator entering goods into the Union, shall accompany:
 - (a) the consignments of the composite products referred to in Article 20(2), point (b), of this Regulation, where the composite products do not contain colostrum-based products or processed meat other than gelatine, collagen or highly refined products of animal origin ; and
 - (b) the consignments of the composite products referred to in Article 20(2), point (c), of this Regulation.
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, for the composite products exempted from official controls at border control posts, in accordance with Article 48, point (h), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the private attestation shall accompany the composite products at the time of the placing on the market.
3. The private attestation referred to in paragraph 1 shall ensure the traceability of the consignments and shall include:
 - (a) information regarding the consignor and consignee of the goods entered into the Union;
 - (b) the list of products of plant origin and processed products of animal origin contained in the composite products, indicated in descending order of weight, as recorded at the time of their use in the manufacture of the composite products;
 - (c) the approval number the establishment(s) manufacturing the processed products of animal origin contained in the composite products was assigned upon being granted approval under Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, indicated by the food business operator entering goods in the Union.
4. The private attestation referred to in paragraph 1 shall attest that:
 - (a) the third country or region thereof producing the composite products is listed at least for one of the following categories of products of animal origin:
 - (i) meat products;
 - (ii) dairy products or colostrum-based products;
 - (iii) fishery products;
 - (iv) egg products;
 - (b) the establishment producing the composite products fulfils hygiene standards recognised to be equivalent to those required by Regulation (EC) No 852/2004;
 - (c) the composite products do not need to be stored or transported under controlled temperature;

- (d) the processed products of animal origin contained in the composite products originate from third countries or regions thereof authorised to enter the Union each processed product of animal origin , or from the Member States, and are sourced from listed establishments;
- (e) the processed products of animal origin used in the composite products have undergone at least one of the treatments referred to in Article 163 (1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, with a brief description of any processes undergone and temperatures applied to the composite products.

CHAPTER VII: Final provisions

Article 23

References

References to Article 29 of Directive 96/23/EC shall be construed as references to this Regulation.

Article 24

Repeal

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 is repealed.

References to the repealed Delegated Regulation shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex II.

Article 25

Entry into force and application

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 15 December 2022.

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

Done at Brussels, 6.9.2022

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