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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to 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 encephalopathies¹, and in particular Article 20(2) and Article 24(3),

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 lays down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies ('TSEs') in animals. It applies to the production and placing on the market of live animals and products of animal origin and in certain specific cases to exports thereof.
- (2) Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 lays down the sampling and laboratory methods for detection of TSEs.
- (3) Point 3.2(a) and (b) of Chapter C of Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, requests further examination of samples from suspect cases and samples from TSE monitoring that resulted positive in the confirmatory examination. This requirement was introduced by Commission Regulation (EC) No 36/2005 of 12 January 2005² to investigate the possible presence of BSE in small ruminants.
- (4) On 28 January 2005, the first case of BSE in a small ruminant under natural conditions was confirmed in a goat slaughtered in France. Consequently, Commission Regulation (EC) No 214/2005³ increased the testing requirements for goats.
- (5) Due to the identification of two possible BSE like cases in sheep in France and one in Cyprus in 2006, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1041/2006⁴ extended the monitoring in sheep based on a statistically valid survey in order to determine the

¹ OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

² Commission Regulation (EC) No 36/2005 of 12 January 2005 amending Annexes III and X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards epidemic-surveillance for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in bovine, ovine and caprine animals (OJ L 10, 13.1.2005, p. 9).

³ Commission Regulation (EC) No 214/2005 of 9 February 2005 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards monitoring of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in caprine animals (OJ L 37, 10.2.2005, p. 9).

⁴ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1041/2006 of 7 July 2006 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards monitoring of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in ovine animals (OJ L 187, 8.7.2006, p. 10).

likely prevalence of BSE in sheep. These cases were subsequently confirmed to be scrapie and not BSE.

- (6) These monitoring programmes were reviewed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 727/2007⁵ in the light of the results of two years of intensified testing which led to the detection of no additional BSE case in ovine or caprine animals.
- (7) After systematic further examination of positive TSE cases in ovine and caprine animals since 2005, no more BSE positive or suspicious cases have been detected.
- (8) It is therefore justified that the discriminatory testing in case of positive TSE cases in ovine and caprine animals is limited to the “index case” as defined in point 2(c) of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.
- (9) Point 3.2 (a), (b) and (c) of Chapter C of Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

⁵ Commission Regulation (EC) No 727/2007 of 26 June 2007 amending Annexes I, III, VII and X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (OJ L 165, 27.6.2007, p. 8).