



Council of the
European Union

Brussels, 5 June 2020
(OR. en)

8636/20
ADD 1

SOC 396
EMPL 313
SAN 188

COVER NOTE

From: Secretary-General of the European Commission,
signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

date of receipt: 3 June 2020

To: Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of
the European Union

No. Cion doc.: D067174/03 ANNEX

Subject: COMMISSION DIRECTIVE (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annex III to
Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as
regards the inclusion of SARS-CoV-2 in the list of biological agents known
to infect humans and amending Commission Directive (EU) 2019/1833

Delegations will find attached document D067174/03 ANNEX.

Encl.: D067174/03 ANNEX

ANNEX

In Annex III to Directive 2000/54/EC, in the table concerning VIRUSES (Order “Nidovirales”, Family “*Coronaviridae*”, Genus “Betacoronavirus”) the following entry is inserted between “Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus (SARS-virus)” and “Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-virus)”.

“

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) ⁽¹⁾	3	

”

⁽²⁾ In line with Article 16(1)(c), non-propagative diagnostic laboratory work involving SARS-CoV-2 should be conducted at a facility using procedures equivalent to at least containment level 2. Propagative work involving SARS-CoV-2 should be conducted at a containment level 3 laboratory with air pressure negative to atmosphere.”