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Subject: COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... of 7.12.2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the identification mark to be used for certain products of animal origin in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland

Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from the Commission related to the above mentioned subject.



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Brussels,

Dear Ambassador,

I would like to ask for your assistance in ensuring that the EU legal framework in the area of health and food safety is adjusted in good time for the end of the transition period in the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community. The Commission has adopted a Delegated Regulation which adapts the identification mark to be applied on products of animal origin produced in Northern Ireland.

The Delegated Regulation was adopted by the Commission on 7 December and transmitted to Council and Parliament (reference (C(2020)8765). It should apply as of 1 January 2021.

I would be grateful if the Council could examine the Delegated Regulation in an accelerated manner to provide a reaction to the Commission already by 20 December 2020 at the latest. The proposed timeline would allow the Commission to publish the measure prior to 1 January 2021, in the interest of maintaining a smooth flow of trade.

I have written a similar letter to Mr. Pascal Canfin, Chair of the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament, to kindly ask for his support on the matter.

My services in DG SANTE (Director B. Van Goethem and his team) are available, should your services have any technical queries.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Michael Clauß,
Presidency of the Council of the EU

Copy to: Ms C. Geslain-Lanéelle, General Secretariat of the Council

Electronically signed on 07/12/2020 10:59 (UTC+01) in accordance with article 11 of Commission Decision C(2016) 4682