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## **amending certain Annexes to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the requirements for placing on the market of certain insect products and the adaptation of a containment method**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 15(1), first subparagraph, points (b), (h), (i) and (j), Article 21(6), first subparagraph, point (d), Article 27, first subparagraph, point (c), Article 31(2), and Article 32(3), first subparagraph, point (a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011<sup>2</sup> lays down public and animal health rules for the placing on the market and export of derived products.
- (2) The fast development of the insect producing sector has resulted in a significant amount of insect excrements, which, in the absence of harmonised Union rules, are disposed of differently in each Member State. To ensure the valorisation of insect excrements as fertilisers it is necessary to lay down Union rules.
- (3) For the purpose of Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, “*frass*” should be defined as the mixture of insect excrements with parts of dead insects and feeding substrate. Insect larvae, which are commonly used for the production of processed animal protein or for human consumption, live in the frass. A definition of “frass” should be inserted in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 in order to align the requirements for the treatment and placing on the market of frass with the requirements for processed manure. Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) The timely collection of single carcasses of non-ruminant farmed animal is not always economically feasible, in particular as regards carcasses collected from small farms. Therefore, Chapter V of Annex IX to Regulation 142/2011 provides for containment methods to ensure the safe storage of certain dead non-ruminant farmed animals until collection. The containment method “Hydrolysis with subsequent disposal” currently

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 of 25 February 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive (OJ L 54, 26.2.2011, p. 1).

only covers carcasses of porcine animals. It is appropriate to extend that containment method to also include carcasses of poultry and farmed lagomorphs. Point 2 of Section 2.B of Chapter V of Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (5) In accordance with 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 (Withdrawal Agreement), and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009, as well as the Commission acts based on it, apply to and in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland after the end of the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement.
- (6) As the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement ended on 31 December 2020, point 1 of Section 2.B of Chapter V of Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 should be amended in order to replace the reference to the United Kingdom in the list of Member States authorised to apply the containment method by a reference to United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland. Furthermore, references to the United Kingdom in Section 2.A of Chapter V of Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 and in Table 3 of Section 11 of Chapter II of Annex XIV to that Regulation should be deleted.
- (7) On 8 October 2015, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published a scientific opinion on a risk profile related to the production and consumption of insects as food and feed<sup>3</sup>. Among several insect species, the EFSA assessed silkworms as a possible source for the production of processed animal protein. Sericulture has a long-standing tradition in certain regions of the Union. Since the domestic silkworm consumes only mulberry leaves (*Morus alba* and *Morus nigra*), there is no risk of contamination with feed of animal origin, which is not authorised for the feeding of insects. It should therefore be authorised for processing into processed animal protein intended for the manufacturing of feed for farmed animals, after the silk has been harvested. It is appropriate to add silkworms (*Bombyx mori*) to the list of authorized insect species for the production of processed animal protein intended for the manufacturing of feed for farmed animals. Annex X to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) Annex XI to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 sets out the requirements for the placing on the market of manure. Following the introduction of the definition of “frass” in Annex I to that Regulation, the requirements for the placing on the market of processed frass should ensure safe trade in processed frass. Therefore, the requirements laid down in that Annex should also cover frass. Annex XI to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) Member States that currently apply national measures for the processing of frass should align their national measures with the method laid down in Annex XI to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011, as amended by this Regulation. This Regulation should provide for a transitional period of 12 months.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

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<sup>3</sup> Scientific Opinion on a Risk profile related to production and consumption of insects as food and feed, The EFSA Journal (2015);13 (10):4257.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annexes I, IX, X, XI and XIV to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

Operators approved or registered in a Member State that applies national measures for the processing of frass may continue to apply those national measures for the placing on the market of frass within the concerned Member State until [publication office: insert the date 12 months after the publication]

*Article 3*

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*  
*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*