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II

(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2018/135**of 23 January 2018****on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) (EUTM Mali/1/2018)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/34/CFSP of 17 January 2013 on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision 2013/34/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mali, including the decisions on the appointment of subsequent EU Mission Force Commanders.
- (2) On 26 June 2017, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1176 ⁽²⁾, appointing Brigadier General Bart LAURENT as EU Mission Force Commander.
- (3) On 24 October 2017, Spain proposed the appointment of Brigadier General Enrique MILLÁN MARTÍNEZ to succeed Brigadier General Bart LAURENT as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali as from 31 January 2018.
- (4) On 5 December 2017, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.
- (5) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General Enrique MILLÁN MARTÍNEZ should therefore be taken. Decision (CFSP) 2017/1176 should be repealed.
- (6) In accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications. Consequently, Denmark is not participating in the adoption of this Decision and is neither bound by it nor subject to its application,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Brigadier General Enrique MILLÁN MARTÍNEZ is hereby appointed as the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) as from 31 January 2018.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 14, 18.1.2013, p. 19.⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2017/1176 of 26 June 2017 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) (EUTM Mali/1/2017) (OJ L 170, 1.7.2017, p. 94).

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2017/1176 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 31 January 2018.

Done at Brussels, 23 January 2018.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

W. STEVENS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2018/136**of 25 January 2018****designating the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease and amending Annex II to Council Directive 92/119/EEC as regards the European Union reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease***(notified under document C(2018) 299)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animal diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 24(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2003/85/EC of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease repealing Directive 85/511/EEC and Decisions 89/531/EEC and 91/665/EEC and amending Directive 92/46/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 69(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 92/119/EEC sets out the general Union control measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of, *inter alia*, swine vesicular disease. Point 6 of Annex II to Directive 92/119/EEC indicates the European Union reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease which has been designated in order to carry out the functions and duties set out in Annex III thereto.
- (2) Directive 2003/85/EC sets out minimum control measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. Directive 2003/85/EC provides, *inter alia*, that a European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease is to be designated in order to carry out the functions and duties set out in Annex XVI thereto. Subsequently, Commission Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU ⁽³⁾ designated the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease.
- (3) As a consequence of the United Kingdom's notification in accordance with Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, the laboratory indicated in Annex II to Directive 92/119/EEC as the European Union reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease and subsequently designated by Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU as the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease will have to discontinue its functions as European Union reference laboratories for those two diseases.
- (4) The Commission, in close collaboration with the Member States, has carried out a call for selection and designation of the European Union Reference Laboratory for Foot-and-Mouth Disease, taking into account the criteria of the technical and scientific competence of the laboratory and its staff expertise.
- (5) Following completion of the selection procedure, the successful laboratory was the consortium ANSES & CODA-CERVA set up by the Laboratory for Animal Health of the Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES), Maisons-Alfort, France, and the Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA), Uccle, Belgium.
- (6) In order to avoid any disruption of activities of the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease and to allow the newly designated European Union reference laboratory sufficient time to be fully operational, it is appropriate that the measures provided for in this Decision apply as from 1 January 2019.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 69.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 306, 22.11.2003, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU of 7 December 2012 designating the EU reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease and repealing Decision 2006/393/EC (OJ L 337, 11.12.2012, p. 54).

- (7) In its Scientific Opinion on Swine Vesicular Disease and Vesicular Stomatitis ⁽¹⁾, the European Food Safety Authority concluded that swine vesicular disease has no longer an epidemic potential and can be rapidly diagnosed by laboratory testing. In addition, the epidemiological situation as regards swine vesicular disease in the European Union has improved significantly and the last cases were only detected through laboratory testing of samples from a small region in a single Member State. Since 2014, swine vesicular disease is no longer listed as notifiable disease by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) ⁽²⁾.
- (8) Although Directives 92/119/EEC and 2003/85/EC will be repealed as of 21 April 2021 in accordance with Article 270 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾, foot-and-mouth disease is listed in Article 5(1) of that Regulation, while swine vesicular disease is listed in Annex II thereto. In accordance with Article 275 of that Regulation, the list of diseases in Annex II shall be reviewed at the latest by 20 April 2019. For the above mentioned scientific and technical reasons, swine vesicular disease does not meet the criteria for listing set out in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.
- (9) Furthermore, swine vesicular disease and other vesicular diseases are included in certain functions and duties set out for the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease in Annex XVI to Directive 2003/85/EC, and in particular as regards the capacity of national reference laboratories and the European Union reference laboratory to carry out the differential diagnosis of foot-and-mouth disease. All these elements together allow discontinuing the designation of a European Union reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease.
- (10) The reference made to the laboratory indicated in Annex II to Directive 92/119/EEC should be deleted. Annex II to Directive 92/119/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (11) In the interest of clarity, Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU should be repealed with effect of 1 January 2019, the date on which the newly designated European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease is to take up its function and duties.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The consortium ANSES & CODA-CERVA set up by the Laboratory for Animal Health of the Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES), Maisons-Alfort, France, and the Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA), Uccle, Belgium, is hereby designated as the European Union reference laboratory for foot-and-mouth disease for an undetermined period.

Article 2

In Annex II to Directive 92/119/EEC, point 6 is deleted.

Article 3

Implementing Decision 2012/767/EU is repealed with effect from 1 January 2019.

References to the repealed Implementing Decision shall be construed as references to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ EFSA Panel on Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW); Scientific Opinion on Swine Vesicular Disease and Vesicular Stomatitis. EFSA Journal 2012;10(4):2631. [97 pp.] doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2012.2631.

⁽²⁾ Resolution No 31 on Amendments to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, adopted during the 82nd General Session of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), 25 - 30 May 2014, Paris, France.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') (OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1).

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2019.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 January 2018.

For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1970 of 27 October 2017 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127**

(Official Journal of the European Union L 281 of 31 October 2017)

On page 5, Article 10, footnote (3):

for: ‘(3) Union quota may only be fished from 1 January to 31 October 2017.’,

read: ‘(3) Union quota may only be fished from 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2017.’.

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