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II

(Non-legislative acts)

DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2021/1956**of 10 November 2021****on the establishment and organisation of the Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network***(notified under document C(2021) 7939)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 32(1), point (h) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism ('the Union Mechanism') set out in Decision No 1313/2013/EU aims to strengthen cooperation between the Union and the Member States and facilitates coordination in the field of civil protection in order to improve the Union's response to natural and man-made disasters.
- (2) In accordance with Article 13 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, a Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network ('Knowledge Network') should be established with the aim to aggregate, process, and disseminate knowledge and information relevant to the Union Mechanism by including relevant civil protection and disaster management actors, centres of excellence, universities, and researchers and following a multi-hazard approach.
- (3) In line with Article 13(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, the Commission, through the Knowledge Network, supports the coherence of planning and decision-making processes by facilitating the continuous exchange of knowledge and information involving all areas of activity under the Union Mechanism. When facilitating the continuous exchange of knowledge and information, the Commission, through the Knowledge Network, should prepare strategic plans, which will lay out the strategic orientation of the Knowledge Network for the upcoming years.
- (4) In order to create synergies with other relevant groups and networks, the Knowledge Network should work closely with the committee referred to in Article 33(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, as well as with Commission expert groups in the field of civil protection and disaster management registered in the Commission Register of expert groups and other similar entities. The Knowledge Network and the Emergency Response Coordination Centre ('ERCC') are to cooperate closely to ensure complementarity and mutual support in their respective activities.
- (5) The Knowledge Network should not duplicate but make use of the outcomes of other Commission initiatives relevant to the scope of the Network.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

- (6) In order to formally establish the Knowledge Network it is necessary to adopt rules setting out the organisational structure and the operation of the Knowledge Network.
- (7) The organisational structure of the Knowledge Network should be composed of advisory bodies and a secretariat. The advisory bodies of the Knowledge Network are the board and working groups for each pillar of the Knowledge Network.
- (8) The Board should primarily act as the strategic forum by providing strategic orientation to the Commission and have advisory oversight functions over the Knowledge Network.
- (9) With a view to ensuring an effective and efficient organisation of the activity of the Knowledge Network, it is necessary to set up a secretariat of the Knowledge Network. The secretariat should be provided by the Commission and should notably be managing, administering and coordinating the Knowledge Network. The primary function of the secretariat is to ensure coherence, synergies and smooth information flow within the Knowledge Network, as well as to coordinate activities of the Knowledge Network in line with strategic planning.
- (10) The Knowledge Network and its activities should be structured along two main pillars that should provide a framework for key Knowledge Network activities and foster network-based exchanges under their scope: the Capacity Development pillar and the Science pillar. The Capacity Development pillar should aim to bring together, promote and strengthen capacity development initiatives of relevance to civil protection and disaster management stakeholders, with a special focus towards the Union Mechanism. The Science pillar should aim to bring together academia, practitioners, and decision-makers for multi-disciplinary, cross-sectoral and cross-border cooperation to apply scientific knowledge to disaster risk management, and in particular, to prevention and preparedness activities more efficiently.
- (11) The Capacity Development pillar should focus on well-known existing programmes and projects, such as the Union Mechanism Training and Exercises Programme, the Exchange of Civil Protection Experts, the Knowledge Network Partnerships and the Union Mechanism Prevention and Preparedness Programme. These programmes should be consolidated through a gradual and continuous process, and complemented by other capacity development activities. The Science pillar should build on and integrate existing scientific structures and networks supporting the Union Mechanism, in particular the Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre, managed by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, as well as relevant Horizon Europe programmes that are funding Research and Innovation Actions and related networking initiatives in the area of disaster risk management.
- (12) Rules on disclosure of information by members of the Knowledge Network should comply with the obligations of professional secrecy.
- (13) In order to be transparent on the activities carried out by the bodies of the Knowledge Network, the Commission should publish the relevant meeting documents on the online platform referred to in Article 13(1)(d) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
- (14) Personal data should be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾.
- (15) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the committee referred to in Article 33(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU,

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Subject matter

This Decision sets out the organisational structure and operation of the Knowledge Network, setting up a Board, a secretariat, and Pillars' working groups, providing for their composition and their tasks, and laying down rules for their operation.

Article 2

Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network

The Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network is established.

It shall aim at achieving the objectives and carrying out the tasks laid down in Article 13 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

Article 3

Knowledge Network composition

The Knowledge Network's organisational structure shall be composed of the following advisory bodies:

- (a) the Board;
- (b) the Pillars' working groups.

Article 4

The Board

The Board shall advise the Commission in the management of the Knowledge Network, ensuring that the overall purpose of the Knowledge Network is fulfilled together with its main objectives, in accordance with Article 13 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

Article 5

Membership of the Board

1. The Board shall be composed of a representative of the Commission and a representative of each of the Member States. The Commission and Member States shall nominate a representative and a deputy representative to the Board. Gender-balanced participation shall be promoted.
2. Members of the Board representing Member States shall be considered as 'Type D members' within the meaning of point (d) of Article 7(2) of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 final of 30.5.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

Article 6

Board's Tasks

1. The tasks of the Board shall be in particular:
 - (1) advising on the strategic orientation of the Knowledge Network set by the Commission;
 - (2) reviewing, monitoring and ensuring compliance with the rules of procedure, membership and governance policies of the Knowledge Network;

- (3) endorsing the Knowledge Network's annual report;
- (4) reporting its activities to the committee referred to in Article 33(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

2. The Commission shall ensure that the work of the Board is conducted in close coordination with the committee referred to in Article 33(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, as well as with Commission expert groups in the field of civil protection and disaster management registered in the Commission Register of expert groups and other similar entities.

Article 7

Operation of the Board

1. The Board shall be chaired by a representative of the Commission and co-chaired by a representative of the Member State holding the preceding rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union at the time of the meeting. The representative of the Commission shall convene a meeting in consultation with the Co-chair at least once a year. The meetings of the Board shall be held in person or remotely.
2. The Chair and the Co-Chair, assisted by the secretariat, shall draw up the agenda and distribute it to the members of the Board. The members of the Board may, on their own initiative, suggest items to be included in the agenda at the latest at the start of the meeting. The agenda shall be adopted by the Board at the start of each meeting.
3. The Board shall adopt its rules of procedure on the basis of the standard rules of procedure for expert groups adopted by the Commission ⁽³⁾.
4. The Board shall adopt non-binding recommendations and reports by consensus. In the event that consensus is not reached, non-binding recommendations or reports are put to a vote, a simple majority of the members present shall be required.

Non-binding recommendations and reports adopted by the Board shall be of a preparatory nature for the purpose of assisting the work of the committee referred to in Article 33(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

Article 8

Reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Board

1. Members of the Board shall not be remunerated for their services.
2. Travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the members of the Board for their participation in the Boards' meetings shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions ⁽⁴⁾ in force within the Commission.
3. The expenses referred to in paragraph 2 shall be reimbursed within the limits of the available appropriations allocated under the annual procedure for the allocation of resources.

Article 9

Knowledge Network Pillars

1. The Knowledge Network pillars shall be the fora where activities are initiated, planned, designed and implemented with the overall aim to contribute to the Knowledge Network's objectives in accordance with Article 13(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

⁽³⁾ Annex 3 of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 final of 30.5.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Decision C(2007) 5858 of 5 December 2007 'Rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by people from outside the Commission invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity'.

2. The Capacity Development pillar shall aim to bring together, promote and strengthen capacity development initiatives of relevance to civil protection and disaster management stakeholders, with a special focus on the Union Mechanism.

3. The Science pillar shall aim to bring together academia, practitioners, and decision-makers for multi-disciplinary cross-sectoral and cross-border cooperation to apply scientific knowledge to disaster risk management, and in particular, to prevention and preparedness activities more efficiently.

Article 10

Membership and operations of the pillars' working groups

1. The pillars' working groups shall be composed of a representative of the Commission, a representative of each of the Member States and each of the Participating States to the Union Mechanism.

2. Members of the pillars' working groups representing Member States shall be considered as 'Type D members' within the meaning of point (d) of Article 7(2) of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 final of 30.5.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

Members of the pillars' working groups representing Participating States to the Union Mechanism shall be considered as 'Type E members' within the meaning of point (e) of Article 7(2) of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 final of 30.5.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

3. The working groups shall be chaired by a representative of the Commission.

4. Operations of the pillars' working groups shall be defined by the Rules of Procedures of the Knowledge Network adopted by the Board in accordance with Article 7.

5. No recommendations or reports are adopted by the pillars' working groups.

Article 11

Pillars Working Groups' Tasks

1. The working groups of the Capacity Development pillar and of the Science pillar shall support the work of the Knowledge Network.

2. The tasks of the pillars' working groups shall be in particular:

- (a) assessing the needs of the Union Mechanism and Member States and Participating States to the Union Mechanism, channelling relevant bottom-up initiatives to the Knowledge Network, and proposing activities within strategic orientations of the Knowledge Network;
- (b) implementing, and promoting the activities of the pillars with the support of the secretariat and seeking synergies between both pillars' initiatives;
- (c) reporting to the Board about their activities.

3. The working groups may set up sub-groups on specific topics based on the needs of their members, and/or risk or scenario-based priorities on its own initiative.

4. The working groups shall ensure appropriate information flows and coordination between the two pillars' and their respective activities.

Article 12

Reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the pillars' working groups

Article 8 shall apply to the travel and accommodation expenses incurred by members of the pillars' working groups.

*Article 13***Observers**

1. Participating States to the Union Mechanism shall have observer status in the Board. Each of the Participating States shall nominate a representative and a deputy representative to the Board as an observer. Gender-balanced participation shall be promoted.
2. Observers shall take part in the discussions and provide expertise. However, they shall not have voting rights.
3. Observers shall be considered as 'Type E members' within the meaning of point (e) of Article 7(2) of Commission Decision C(2016) 3301 final of 30.5.2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups.

*Article 14***Secretariat**

1. The secretariat shall support the work of the bodies of the Knowledge Network to ensure their coordination, coherence and information sharing.
2. The secretariat shall be provided by the Commission.
3. The tasks of the secretariat shall be:
 - (a) preparing and ensuring the implementation of the strategic plans, as well as activities adopted in the annual or multi-annual work programme of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism;
 - (b) managing, administering, and coordinating the activities of the Knowledge Network;
 - (c) undertaking the reporting of the activities of the Knowledge Network.
4. The secretariat shall assist, where necessary, in the meetings of the advisory bodies of the Knowledge Network.

*Article 15***Confidentiality**

Members of the Board, the secretariat and the pillars' working groups shall comply with the obligations of professional secrecy laid down in the Treaties and their implementing rules, as well as with the Commission's rules on security regarding the protection of Union classified information, laid down in the Annex to Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 ⁽⁷⁾. Should they fail to respect these obligations, the Commission shall take appropriate measures.

*Article 16***Transparency**

1. As concerns the Knowledge Network composition, the following data shall be published on the Commission Register of expert groups and other similar entities and on the online platform that shall support and facilitate the implementation of the different tasks referred to in Article 13(1), point (d) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU:
 - (a) the names of the Member States represented by the authorities that are members of the Board and the pillars' working groups;
 - (b) the names of the authorities representing the Participating States to the Union Mechanism in the pillars' working groups;
 - (c) the names of the authorities representing the Participating States to the Union Mechanism to which observer status to the Board is granted.

⁽⁷⁾ Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

2. All documents of the meetings of the Knowledge Network's bodies, including agendas, minutes, participants' submissions shall be made available in the Commission Register of expert groups and published on the same online platform referred to in Article 13(1), point (d) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU. In particular, the agenda and other relevant background documents shall be published in due time ahead of the meeting, followed by the timely publication of minutes. Exceptions to publication shall be restricted to cases where the disclosure of a document would undermine the protection of a public or private interest as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ⁽⁶⁾.

Article 17

Protection of personal data

All processing of personal data for the purposes of these rules of procedure shall be in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Article 18

Addressees

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 November 2021.

For the Commission

Janez LENARČIČ

Member of the Commission

⁽⁶⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

III

(Other acts)

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY DELEGATED DECISION No 203/21/COL

of 16 July 2021

regarding the approval of national measures of Norway and Iceland designed to limit the impact of certain diseases of aquatic animals in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Decision No 58/16/COL-D [2021/1957]

THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY,

Having regard to the Agreement between the EFTA States on the Establishment of a Surveillance Authority and a Court of Justice, in particular Articles 1(2) and 3 of Protocol 1 thereof,

Having regard to the Act referred to at Point 13 of Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the Agreement on the European Economic Area ('EEA Agreement'),

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* ('Regulation (EU) 2016/429'), ⁽¹⁾

as amended and as adapted to the EEA Agreement by the specific and the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to that Agreement, and in particular Articles 226, 266(2) and 270(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Act referred to at Point 13j of Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement,

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/990 of 28 April 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, *as regards animal health and certification requirements for movements within the Union of aquatic animals and products of animal origin from aquatic animals* ('Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/990'), ⁽²⁾

as adapted to the EEA Agreement, by the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to that Agreement, and in particular Article 13(2)(c) thereof,

Having regard to the Act referred to at Point 13k of Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement,

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 of 7 December 2020 *laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to Union notification and Union reporting of listed diseases, to formats and procedures for submission and reporting of Union surveillance programmes and of eradication programmes and for application for recognition of disease-free status, and to the computerised information system* ('Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002'), ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Incorporated into the EEA Agreement by a Joint Committee Decision No 179/2020 dated 17 December 2020.

⁽²⁾ Incorporated into the EEA Agreement by a Joint Committee Decision No 4/2021 dated 4 February 2021.

⁽³⁾ Incorporated into the EEA Agreement by a Joint Committee Decision No 4/2021 dated 4 February 2021.

as adapted to the EEA Agreement by the specific and the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to that Agreement, and in particular Annex III and Section 4 of Annex V thereof,

Having regard to the Act referred to at Point 13m of Part 1.1 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement,

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2236 of 16 December 2020 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards model animal health certificates for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of aquatic animals and of certain products of animal origin from aquatic animals, official certification regarding such certificates and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 ('Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2236'), (*)

as adapted to the EEA Agreement by the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to the EEA Agreement, and in particular Article 6 and Chapters 1, 2, 3 or 5 of Annex I thereof,

as adapted to the EEA Agreement by point 4(d) of the Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement.

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/990, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2236 began to apply in the States of the European Economic Area ('EEA States') from 21 April 2021.
- (2) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 establishes a new legislative framework for the prevention and control of diseases transmissible to animals or humans. Article 226(1) provides that Norway and Iceland may adopt national measures to prevent the introduction, or control the spread, of a disease other than a listed disease referred to in Article 9(1)(d) of that Regulation where that disease constitutes a significant risk for the health of aquatic animals in that EEA State. Diseases other than a listed disease referred to in Article 9(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 include aquatic animal diseases not included in any of the categories of listed diseases under Article 9(1) ('non-listed diseases') and the listed disease Koi herpes virus disease for which there is a need for surveillance within the EEA pursuant to Article 9(1)(e) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.
- (3) Such national measures must not exceed the limits of what is appropriate and necessary in order to prevent the introduction, or control the spread, of the disease in question within Norway or Iceland as relevant.
- (4) Article 226(2), (3) and (4) of the same Regulation requires Norway and Iceland to notify the EFTA Surveillance Authority ('the Authority') in advance of any proposed national measures and provides that the Authority shall approve such national measures where the establishment of movement restrictions between Norway or Iceland and other EEA States is necessary in order to prevent the introduction, or control the spread, of the relevant disease, taking into account the overall impact on the EEA of the disease in question and of the measures taken.
- (5) In order to protect the health status of Norway and Iceland insofar as either country has national measures approved for a particular disease pursuant to Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, consignments of species of aquatic animals which are susceptible to the disease in question and which are moved to, and within, Norway or Iceland ('relevant consignments') are required to originate from an EEA State, or part thereof, which is free from that disease. Such consignments are to be accompanied by an official certificate attesting to this disease-free status.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 13(2)(c) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/990, operators shall ensure that animal health certificates for relevant consignments state that aquatic animals of the relevant species comply with the health guarantees necessary to comply with those national measures.
- (7) Animal health certificates attesting as to the place of origin of relevant consignments are included in the relevant model official certificates for the movement of aquatic animals between EEA States set out in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2236 and are to be used in the case of relevant consignments.

(*) Incorporated into the EEA Agreement by a Joint Committee Decision No 93/2021 dated 19 March 2021.

- (8) Norwegian or Icelandic national measures approved pursuant to Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 should apply only for as long as they continue to be appropriate and necessary in order to prevent the introduction, or control the spread, of the relevant disease in the relevant country. To allow the Authority to make a regular assessment of the appropriateness and necessity of any such measures, and to provide an opportunity to amend them if necessary, Norway and Iceland should send an annual report to the Authority detailing the functioning of the measures in the previous year. Any such annual reports and other relevant reporting should include certain information set out in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002.
- (9) Eradication programmes approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 should lead to an improvement in the disease situation within a reasonable period of time. In the interest of coherence, this period of time should not be longer than the period within which an eradication programme for a disease referred to in Article 9(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 is to be completed. The period of application of an eradication programme approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 should, therefore, not exceed six years from the date of its initial approval by the Authority. In duly justified cases, and at the request of Norway or Iceland as relevant, the Authority should have the possibility of extending the period of application of the eradication programme for an additional six-year period. This maximum period of application is laid down in order to give an adequate period of time within which an eradication programme may be completed, whilst at the same time preventing the disproportionate and long-lasting disruption of movements of aquatic animals within the EEA.
- (10) By Decision No 58/16/COL-D of 3 March 2016 ('Decision No 58/16/COL-D'), the Authority approved national measures by Norway designed to limit the impact of infection with *Gyrodactylus salaris* in areas of Norway considered free from that disease, pursuant to Article 43 of Directive 2006/88/EC. ⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EU) 2016/429 repeals Directive 2006/88/EC, being the legal basis for both Decision No 58/16/COL-D and certain Acts (Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 ⁽⁶⁾ and Commission Decision No 2010/221/EC ⁽⁷⁾) to which that Decision refers. For the purpose of clarity, Decision No 58/16/COL-D is therefore repealed by this Decision.
- (11) The Authority has, in close cooperation with the European Commission, assessed the national measures designed to limit the impact of infection with *Gyrodactylus salaris* (a non-listed disease) notified by Norway pursuant to Article 226(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (Doc No 1207866), taking into account the standards of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) ⁽⁸⁾ and the overall impact on the EEA of the disease in question and of the notified measures.
- (12) The Authority is satisfied that Norway has designed an effective eradication programme for those areas of Norway which remain infected with *Gyrodactylus salaris*. The Authority is further satisfied that Norway has maintained the disease-free status of those areas of Norway considered free from *Gyrodactylus salaris* under Decision No 58/16/COL-D and demonstrated disease-free status in all other areas of Norway not covered by the eradication programme. Finally, the Authority is satisfied that Norway has demonstrated the appropriateness and necessity of the national measures establishing movement restrictions in order to prevent the introduction, or to control the spread, of the disease. The national measures are therefore approved by the Authority by this Decision in accordance with Article 226(3) and (4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.

⁽⁵⁾ The Act previously referred to at Point 8a. of Part 3.1. of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement, Council Directive 2006/88/EC of 24 October 2006 on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases of aquatic animals, as amended and as adapted to the EEA Agreement by the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to the EEA Agreement.

⁽⁶⁾ The Act previously referred to at Point 86 of Part 4.2. of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 of 12 December 2008 implementing Council Directive 2006/88/EC as regards conditions and certification requirements for the placing on the market and the import into the Community of aquaculture animals and products thereof and laying down a list of vector species, as amended and as adapted to the EEA Agreement by the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to the EEA Agreement.

⁽⁷⁾ The Act referred to at Point 94 of Part 4.2. of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement, Commission Decision 2010/221/EU of 15 April 2010 approving national measures for limiting the impact of certain diseases in aquaculture animals and wild aquatic animals in accordance with Article 43 of Council Directive 2006/88/EC, as amended and as adapted to the EEA Agreement by the sectoral adaptations referred to in Annex I to the EEA Agreement.

⁽⁸⁾ The OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code and the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals.

- (13) The Authority, by its Delegated Decision No 201/21/COL (Document No 1212279), duly submitted the draft Decision to the Committee in accordance with Articles 226(3) and 266(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429. The Committee approved the draft Decision. Accordingly, the draft Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The areas of Norway and Iceland listed in the fourth column of the table in Annex I to this Decision are considered free from the diseases listed in the relevant rows of the first column of that table and the relevant country is granted approval to adopt national measures in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.

Article 2

The eradication programmes adopted by Norway and Iceland for the diseases which are subject to national measures and which are listed in the first column of the table in Annex II to this Decision, in respect of the areas listed in the relevant rows of the fourth column thereof, are approved.

The period of application of an eradication programme shall not exceed six years from the date of its initial approval by the Authority. In duly justified cases, the Authority may, at the request of Norway or Iceland as relevant, extend the period of application of the eradication programme for an additional six year period.

Article 3

Species of aquatic animals susceptible to the diseases set out in the second column of Annex III to this Decision shall, insofar as the relevant disease is the subject of national measures in Norway or Iceland, only be moved to relevant areas of Norway and Iceland listed in the fourth column of the tables in Annexes I and II to this Decision if they:

- (a) originate from a EEA State or part thereof which is approved as free from the disease in question; and
- (b) are accompanied by an official certificate issued by the competent authority of the EEA State of origin, drawn up in accordance with an appropriate model animal health certificate set out in Chapters 1, 2, 3 or 5 of Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2236, specifying, in accordance with Article 13(2)(c) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/990, that the health guarantees necessary to comply with the relevant Norwegian or Icelandic national measures are complied with.

Article 4

By 30 April each year at the latest, Norway and Iceland shall submit to the Authority a report on their national measures approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.

The report shall:

- (a) include information on measures taken in the previous calendar year to maintain any relevant disease-free status, including at least the information set out in Annex III to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002;
- (b) include information on the evolution of any relevant eradication programme, including details of the testing which has been carried out in the previous calendar year and at least the information set out in Section 4 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002; and

- (c) outline the reasons why the relevant disease-free status or eradication programme should continue to apply for a further calendar year. Particular reference shall be made to the availability of treatments, vaccines, disease resistant stocks, or other relevant developments should one or more of these have become a viable option for the prevention and control of infection with *Gyrodactylus salaris* since the submission of the previous report.

Article 5

National measures of Norway or Iceland approved by the Authority in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 may be amended by the Authority should the information referred to in Article 4(c) of this Decision, or other such information relating to developments in animal health, indicate that the establishment of movement restrictions between EEA States is no longer necessary or justified in order to prevent the introduction, or to control the spread, of the relevant disease.

Article 6

Decision No 58/16/COL-D is hereby repealed.

Article 7

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to Norway and Iceland.

Done at Brussels, 16 July 2021.

For the EFTA Surveillance Authority, acting under Delegated Decision No 130/20/COL,

Högni S. KRISTJÁNSSON
Responsible College Member

For Melpo-Menie JOSÉPHIDÈS
*Countersigning as Director,
Legal and Executive Affairs*

ANNEX I

**Areas of Norway and Iceland regarded as being free from certain diseases affecting aquatic animals
and for which national measures are approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU)
2016/429**

Disease	EFTA EEA State	Code	Geographical demarcation of the area for which the national measures are approved	No of EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision approving national measure
Infection with <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> (GS)	Norway	NO	Whole territory, with the exception of the water catchment areas subject to an approved eradication programme for GS, as listed in Annex II to this document	203/21/COL

ANNEX II

Areas of Norway and Iceland with eradication programmes for certain diseases affecting aquatic animals and for which national measures are approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429

Disease	EFTA EEA State	Code	Geographical demarcation of the area for which the national measures are approved	No of EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision approving national measure
Infection with <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> (GS)	Norway	NO	The water catchment areas of the Skibotnelva, Signaldalselva and Kitdalselva (Troms), Leirelva, Ranelva, Drevja, Fusta, Vefsna, Hundåla, Halsanelva, Hestdalselva, Dagsvikelva and Nylandselva (Nordland), Batnfjordselva, Driva, Litledalselva, Usma (Øksendalselva) (Møre and Romsdal), Drammenselva and Lierelva (Buskerud), Vesleelva (Sandeelva) and Selvikvassdraget (Vestfold)	203/21/COL

ANNEX III

**Species of aquatic animals susceptible to diseases subject to national measures under Article 226(1)
of Regulation (EU) 2016/429**

Disease	Susceptible species
Koi herpes virus disease (KHV)	As set out in column 3 of the table in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882
Spring viraemia of carp (SVC)	Bighead carp (<i>Aristichthys nobilis</i>), goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>), crucian carp (<i>Carassius carassius</i>), grass carp (<i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>), common carp and koi carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>), silver carp (<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>), sheatfish (<i>Silurus glanis</i>), tench (<i>Tinca tinca</i>), orfe (<i>Leuciscus idus</i>)
Bacterial kidney disease (BKD)	All species of <i>Salmonidae</i>
Infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN)	Brook trout (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>), brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>), Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>), (<i>Oncorhynchus</i> spp.) whitefish (<i>Coregonus lavaretus</i>)
Infection with <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i> (GS)	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>), rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>), Arctic char (<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>), North American brook trout (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>), grayling (<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>), North American lake trout (<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>), brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>) and any species which has been in contact with these species
Ostreid herpes virus 1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var)	Pacific oyster (<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>)
Infection with salmonid alphavirus (SAV)	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>), rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>), brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>)

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