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#### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 34 and Article 36(1) and (2) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- According to Article 34(1) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, the Union shall finance (1) the establishment and operation of the databases and computerized information management systems, managed by the Commission, which are necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of the rules referred to in Article 1 of that Regulation.
- (2) In order to allow the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety to ensure implementation of its political priorities and fulfillment of its legal obligations, it is necessary to adopt the work programme for 2016 and a decision on the financing of that work programme. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012<sup>3</sup> establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the

financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1. 2

OJ L 189, 27.10.2014, p. 1.

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- (4) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

#### HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## Article 1 The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of actions related to the creation and maintenance of IT tools in the field of food safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health ('the work programme') for 2016, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

### Article 2 Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the work programme for the year 2016 is set at EUR 12 403 000, and shall be financed from budget line 17.0403 of the general budget of the European Union for 2016.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

# Article 3 Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes of the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set out in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 1.4.2016

For the Commission Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS Member of the Commission