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regarding a financial contribution by the Union to emergency measures to combat
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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 1605/2002¹, 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/EC², and in particular Article 36(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Recent severe outbreaks of Avian Influenza have occurred in a number of Member States threatening to spread the disease across vast territories and result in serious damage to the farming community and export capacity of the Union. The implementation of EU co-funded emergency measures started in late 2016 and will continue in 2017 and 2018. This necessitates an increase in the maximum financial contribution by the Union authorised by Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 4840³. It also necessitates extension of the authorised period of implementation of the emergency measures.
- (2) The costs associated with the EU co-funded emergency measures against the current outbreak of Avian Influenza are continuously rising and exceed the budget amounts adopted on the relevant budget line. Implementing Decision C(2016) 4840 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (3) The measures provided for in this Implementing Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 189, 27.06.2014, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 4840 of 29 July 2016 on the adoption of a financing decision regarding a financial contribution by the Union to emergency measures to combat certain animal diseases and plant pests in 2016 and 2017.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 2(1) is amended as follows:

A maximum financial contribution by the Union up to the appropriation available on budget line 17.04.04 shall be authorised for grants to beneficiaries or actions directly implemented by the Commission for emergency measures for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018, to cover the costs listed in paragraphs 4 and 5 to combat the respective animal diseases and plant pests.

Article 2

Article 2(2) is amended as follows:

The financial contribution by the Union shall be financed from the following line of the general budget of the European Union:

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| For 2016, budget line 17.0404: | EUR 19 000 000 |
| For 2017, budget line 17.0404: | EUR 45 000 000 ⁴ |
| For 2018, budget line 17.0404: | EUR 40 000 000 ⁵ . |

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For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

⁴ The budget amount of EUR 45 000 000 will be made available through transfer of appropriations from other Food and Feed budget lines.

⁵ The budget amounts for 2018 are subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2018 after the adoption by the budgetary authority or if the budget is not adopted as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.