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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2009/470/EC of 25 May 2009 on expenditure in the veterinary field¹, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 27(8) 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 45(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 45(1) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, provides that for programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses implemented in 2014, the relevant provisions of Article 27 of Decision 2009/470/EC continue to apply.
- (2) Decision 2009/470/EC lays down the procedures governing the Union financial contribution for programmes for the eradication, control and monitoring of animal diseases and zoonoses. Article 27(8) of that Decision, and in particular the third subparagraph, provides that by 30 October each year at the latest, the Commission shall decide on the Union payment towards the programmes taking into account the technical and financial reports submitted by the Member States. This payment decision is thus subject to the College's approval.
- (3) Commission Implementing Decision 2013/722/EU³ approves annual and multi-annual programmes and the financial contribution from the Union for the eradication, control and monitoring of certain animal diseases and zoonoses presented by the Member States for 2014 and the following years. Commission Implementing Decision

¹ OJ L 155, 18.6.2009, p. 30.

² OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/722/EU of 29 November 2013 approving annual and multiannual programmes and the financial contribution from the Union for the eradication, control and monitoring of certain animal diseases and zoonoses presented by the Member States for 2014 and the following years (OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 101).

2014/925/EU⁴ approves certain amended programmes for the eradication, control and monitoring of animal diseases and zoonoses for the year 2014 and amends Implementing Decision 2013/722/EU. These Implementing Decisions constitute financing decisions for expenditure within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵.

- (4) Greece submitted a payment application to the Commission on 30 April 2015 for the reimbursement of expenditure incurred in 2014 in relation to its programme for the eradication and monitoring of bluetongue, as provided for by the Implementing Decisions mentioned in recital 3. That payment application amounted to EUR 61 912,19.
- (5) Awaiting the final result of the financial in-depth desk control, Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 7637⁶ fixed the amount of the first tranche of the EU financial contribution at EUR 43 338,53.
- (6) Following the final result of the financial in-depth desk control, the Commission found expenditure amounting to EUR 17 802,64 to be ineligible. According to the Implementing decisions mentioned in recital 3, the financial contribution from the Union can be fixed at EUR 44 109,55. Therefore, in addition to the first tranche already paid, a complementary tranche of EUR 771,02, should be granted.
- (7) For financial control purposes, Article 37 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 applies,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The final complementary financial contribution from the Union to be paid to Greece for the expenditure incurred by that Member State in 2014 for its programme for the eradication and monitoring of bluetongue is fixed at EUR 771,02.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/925/EU of 16 December 2014 approving certain amended programmes for the eradication, control and monitoring of animal diseases and zoonoses for the year 2014 and amending Implementing Decision 2013/722/EU as regards the Union financial contribution for certain programmes approved by that Decision (OJ L 363, 18.12.2014, p. 173).

⁵ 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 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

⁶ Commission Implementing Decision C(2015)7637 of 28 October 2015 on a financial contribution from the Union for the expenditure incurred by Greece in 2014 for the financing of the programme for the eradication and monitoring of bluetongue.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 26.4.2017

For the Commission
Xavier PRATS MONNÉ
Director-General

