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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 Articles 84 and 128 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, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC², and in particular Article 36 (1) and(2) thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2016)2465 on the adoption of the work programme for 2017 – 2018 for the implementation of survey programmes for pests was adopted on 28 April 2016.
- (2) In accordance with Article 22 (5) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 in the case of approval of multiannual survey programmes, budgetary commitments may be divided into annual instalments.
- (3) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94 (4) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (4) In order to ensure financial support by the Union to the implementation of survey programmes for pests by the Member States competent authorities it is necessary to adopt the financing decision for the year 2017 and 2018. Article 94 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *Union contribution*

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the 2017 and 2018 Union co-funded survey programmes for pests is set at EUR 40 000 000 and shall be financed from the following line of the general budget of the European Union for 2017-2018:

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.

Budget line 17.0402:

budget 2017 17.0402 15 000 000 EUR

budget 2018 17.0402 25 000 000 EUR

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2017 after the adoption of the budget for 2017 by the budgetary authority or provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 2
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 1 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 1 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, 18.8.2016.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission