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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

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/EC¹, and in particular Article 30 and 36(1) thereof,

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 1605/2002², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure that activities by the EU reference laboratories and the EU reference centres foreseen in Regulation (EC) 882/2004³ and Regulation (EU) 2017/625⁴ are performed and financed as well as the activities of the EU reference centres foreseen in Regulation (EU) 2016/1012⁵, it is necessary to adopt a work programme for 2018, 2019 and 2020 and a corresponding financing decision.
- (2) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.
- (3) Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁶ establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

¹ OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules (OJ L 165, p. 1).

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls, OJ L 95, p. 1.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on Animal Breeding Regulation OJ L 171, p. 1.

⁶ 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).

- (4) Article 190(1)(d) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁷ lays down that grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified by a basic act, within the meaning of Article 54 of the Financial Regulation, as beneficiaries of a grant or to bodies designated by the Member States, under their responsibility, where those Member States are identified by a basic act as beneficiaries of a grant.
- (5) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (6) The implementation of the present Commission work programme constituting financing decision will be subject to the availability of budget appropriations for the respective financial year after the adoption of the annual budget.
- (7) 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 Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (8) 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
Work programme

This Decision lays down a multiannual work programme for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 in accordance with Article 36(1) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and provides the basis for the annual work programmes of the EU reference laboratories and of the EU reference centres to be implemented in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Article 2
Union contribution

This work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 for actions to be funded from appropriations of 2018 for an amount of EUR 17 000 000 as regards the 2018 work programmes of the EU reference laboratories and EU reference centres.

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the Commission work programme is set at the amount indicated in paragraph 1 of this article and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the European Union:

budget line 17. 0403.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2018 after the adoption of the budget for 2018 by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

⁷ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set 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 %.

In implementing this decision, the authorising officer responsible may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 17.10.2017

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

