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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 Articles 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) Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 lays down the requirements for and the responsibilities of the European Union (EU) reference laboratories.
- (2) The financing of the Union contribution to the existing 43 European Union reference laboratories was adopted on 24.07.2015.
- (3) Due to an emergency in the animal health situation in 2016, it has been decided to select two new EU reference laboratories for "Lumpy Skin Disease and other related viruses" and for "Peste des Petits Ruminants".
- (4) On 30 June 2016 the Commission launched two calls for selection to designate two new EU reference laboratories for "Lumpy Skin Disease and other related viruses" and for "Peste des Petits Ruminants".
- (5) The Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Centre (CODA-CERVA) – has been designated as EU reference laboratory for Lumpy Skin Disease and other related viruses at the Standing Committee for Plants, Animals, Food and Feed of September 14, 2016.

¹ OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

- (6) The Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique (CIRAD) has been designated as EU reference laboratory for Peste des Petits Ruminants at the Standing Committee for Plants, Animals, Food and Feed of October 4, 2016.
- (7) The procedure for the designation of previously mentioned EU reference laboratories has therefore been started and is planned to be finalised in the first quarter of 2017.
- (8) As a consequence, it is necessary to include these two EU reference laboratories under point 1.11 of the Annex to the Commission Implementing Decision C(2015)4993 constituting financing decision of the Union contribution to the European Union reference laboratories so that they can be eligible for financing in 2017 once they are officially designated, and to provide for additional funding for these laboratories accordingly.
- (9) 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
Title of the Decision

In the title of Implementing Decision C(2015)4993 the words "for the years 2015 and 2016" are replaced by "for the years 2015, 2016 and partially 2017".

Article 2
The work programme

Article 1 of Implementing Decision C(2015)4993 is amended as follows:

This Decision lays down a multiannual work programme for the years 2015 and 2016, and partially 2017, in accordance with Article 36(1) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 and provides the basis for the annual work programmes of the European Union reference laboratories to be implemented in the years 2016 and 2017.

The multiannual work programme for the implementation of Union co-funded programmes of the European Union reference laboratories for the years 2016 and 2017 as set out in the Annex is adopted.

This work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) N 966/2012 for actions funded from appropriations of 2015 for an amount of EUR 16 000 000, from appropriations of 2016 for an amount of EUR 16 500 000 and from appropriations of 2017 for an amount of EUR 700 000.

Article 3
Union contribution

Article 2 of Implementing Decision C(2015)4993 is amended as follows:

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the Commission work programme for the year 2015 is set at EUR 16 000 000 and for the year 2016 at EUR 17 200 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations of 2015, 2016 and 2017 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 general budget of the Union for 2017, following the adoption of the budget by the budgetary authority, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 4
Modification of Annex

The Annex to Implementing Decision C(2015)4993 is amended in its point 1.11 by completing the list of EU reference laboratories as follows:

44. European Union reference laboratory for: lumpy skin disease and other related viruses	CODA-CERVA – Belgium
45. European Union reference laboratory for: peste des petits ruminants	CIRAD – France

Done at Brussels, 30.1.2017

For the Commission
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