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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 6, 8, 9 and 11 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC, 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 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 124 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 124(1) of the Financial Regulation, the use of lump sums, unit costs or flat-rate financing are to be authorised by way of a Commission decision ensuring respect for the principle of equal treatment of beneficiaries for the same category of actions or work programmes.
- (2) In accordance with Article 124(2) of the Financial Regulation, that authorisation is to be supported by the justification of the forms chosen, the identification of the costs or categories of costs covered, the description of the methods for determining the amounts and the conditions for reasonably ensuring that the no-profit and co-financing principles are complied with and that double financing of costs is avoided.

¹ 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/EC, OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p.1.

² 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.

- (3) In accordance with Article 182(1) of the Rules of Application³, the authorization to use unit costs referred to in Article 124(1) of the Financial Regulation is to apply for the duration of the programme. This authorization may be reviewed if changes are needed. Data and amounts are to be assessed periodically and, where appropriate the unit costs are to be adjusted.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council 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/EC was adopted on 15 May 2014 setting the eligible programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of the animal diseases and zoonosis with the costs eligible for co-funding, as well as the eligible measures and costs for the veterinary emergency measures.
- (5) Commission Decision C(2014)1035⁴ authorises the use of unit costs under the annual and multiannual programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses. It also requires a review of this authorization if changes are needed. The purpose of this Decision is to revise the methodology for the calculation of unit costs accordingly based on the experience gained from the application of the system of unit costs over a three-year period.
- (6) Taking into account the simplification and speed-up of the reimbursement process for the annual and multiannual programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses resulting from the introduction of unit costs, such simplified cost options should be introduced for the reimbursement of veterinary emergency measures for the same eligible measures and diseases as listed in Regulation (EU) No 652/2014,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Commission authorises the award of grants in the form of a combination of reimbursement of actual costs and reimbursement on the basis of unit costs under the annual and multiannual programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses referred to in Articles 9 and 11 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The Commission authorises the award of grants in the form of a combination of reimbursement of actual costs and reimbursement on the basis of unit costs under the

³ 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 Commission Decision C(2014)1035 of 24.2.2014 authorising the use of unit costs under the annual and multiannual programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses.

veterinary emergency measures referred to in Articles 6 and 8 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Article 3

This authorization may be reviewed in accordance with the rules of the Financial Regulation if changes are needed.

Article 4

Commission Decision C(2014)1035 authorising the use of unit costs under the annual and multiannual programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses is repealed as from the date of adoption of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 23.4.2018

For the Commission
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