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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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union ('the Financial Regulation' or 'FR'), amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 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 30 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation)³, and in particular Article 163 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C (2017) 6889⁴ adopted on 17 October 2017, concerns the financing of the Union contribution to the European Union reference

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 189, 17.6.2014, p. 1.

³ OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision C (2017) 6889 final of 17 October 2017 on the adoption of the work programmes of the Commission for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and on the financing of the

laboratories ("EU reference laboratories") and the European Union reference centres ("EU reference centres").

- (2) In order to ensure that activities of the EU reference laboratories and the EU reference centres, provided for in Regulations (EU) 2016/1012⁵ and (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council, are carried out, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision for 2019 and 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ("the Financial Regulation") establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (3) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals on basis of the criteria defined in the Annex of Commission Implementing Decision C (2017) 6889.
- (4) This financing decision should be subject to the availability of budget appropriations for the respective financial year after the adoption of the annual budget.
- (5) For the application of this Decision,, it is appropriate to define the term "substantial change" for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (6) 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

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the work programmes of the Commission for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 adopted on 17 October 2017 is set at 41,350,000 EUR for the years 2019 and 2020. It shall be financed:

- (a) from the 2018 appropriations entered in budget line 17.0403 of the general budget of the Union for an amount of EUR 20 100 000 regarding the 2019 Union contribution;
- (b) from the 2019 appropriations entered in budget line 17.0403 of the general budget of the Union for an amount of EUR 21 250 000 regarding the 2020 Union contribution.

Regarding the 2020 Union contribution, the implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2019, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or subject to the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 2

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 1 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 1 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

Union contribution to the European Union reference laboratories and the European Union reference centres.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on Animal Breeding (OJ L 171, 29.6.2016, p. 66.).

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 14.11.2018

For the Commission

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