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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin¹, and in particular point (a) of Article 7(2) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law')², and in particular Articles 168(4), 224(4), 238(3) and 239(3) 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) 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 the first paragraph of Article 90 and Article 126 (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 lays down rules on animal diseases that are transmissible to animals or to humans, including requirements for official animal health certification for various movements of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin.

¹ (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55).

² OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1.

³ OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.

Those requirements, *inter alia* for movements of certain live aquatic animals and products of animal origin for human consumption, are further specified in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692⁴ pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/429. It also empowers the Commission to adopt implementing acts laying down rules for model forms of those animal health certificates, as well rules concerning the information to be contained in certain documents and declarations required for the entry into the Union of such consignments. In addition, that Regulation empowers the Commission to lay down special rules concerning model forms of animal health certificates, declarations and other documents for animals, germinal products and products of animal origin. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 also provides that animal health certificates may include other information required under other Union legislation.

- (2) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 lays down supplementing animal health requirements for entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals, including live aquatic animals, germinal products and products of animal origin. In particular, in accordance with that Regulation, such consignments shall be accompanied by the animal health certificate, and if provided in that Regulation, by declaration or other documents. Those Delegated Regulations provide the requirements which animals and goods for human consumption have to comply with when entering the Union.
- (3) Article 168(1) and (3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 lays down rules as regards information in the animal health certificate required to accompany movements within a Member State or from one Member State to another Member State of consignments of products of animal origin from terrestrial animals, and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts supplementing these rules. Therefore, models of animal health certificates for such movements of products of animal origin produced or processed in establishments, food businesses or zones subject to emergency measures or movement restrictions should be set out by this Regulation.
- (4) Article 224(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 empowers the Commission to lay down rules on model forms of animal health certificates.
- (5) In addition, Article 238(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 empowers the Commission to lay down by means of implementing acts, rules concerning the contents and the format of models of animal health certificates, declarations and other documents for the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin.
- (6) Article 239(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 empowers the Commission to lay down by means of implementing acts, rules concerning the contents and the format of models of animal health certificates, declarations and other documents for the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin for which the Union is not the final destination.
- (7) In order to provide for legal clarity and consistency of the rules on animals and goods for human consumption, models of official certificates containing the animal health requirements for such movements of certain live aquatic animals and products of animal origin should be set out by this Regulation.

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 of 30 January 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 379).

- (8) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 lays down rules for the performance of official controls and other official activities performed by the competent authorities of the Member States to ensure compliance with the rules referred to in Article 1(2) of that Regulation, among others, rules on food safety at all stages of production, processing and distribution and animal health and welfare requirements and animal by-products. That Regulation provides for certain rules on official certification when the rules referred to in Article 1(2) or Article 126(2)(c) of that Regulation require the issuance of official certificates. In the absence of more specific rules in Regulation (EU) 2016/429, those rules on official certification apply to the certificates set out in this Regulation.
- (9) In particular, point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 90 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to lay down by means of implementing acts, rules concerning model official certificates, for the issuance of such certificates.
- (10) The rules referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 include animal health requirements, but also, inter alia, rules in the area of food safety and animal welfare. In the interests of legal clarity, and in order to minimise administrative burden during the issuance of certificates, this Regulation should include animal health certificates, to be signed by the official veterinarian, official certificates to be signed by the certifying officer and animal health/ official certificates, to be signed by the official veterinarian or certifying officer, with respect to particular commodities.
- (11) In addition, this Regulation should have regard to certain definitions laid down in other Union acts, such as definitions laid down in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Part IX of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵, as well as the definitions laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013⁶ and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625⁷.
- (12) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 aims at reducing the administrative burden in relation to certification and notification by using information technology as far as possible for multiple purposes. In addition, that Regulation lays down certain rules regarding the possibility for electronic animal health certificates to accompany certain consignments instead of animal health certificates issued on paper. Regulation (EU) 2017/625 lays down that consignments of animals and goods are to be accompanied by an official certificate issued either on paper or in electronic form. In addition, Article 90(f) of that Regulation empowers the Commission, by means of implementing acts, to lay down rules for the issuance of electronic certificates and for the use of electronic signatures. Therefore, it is appropriate to establish common requirements as regards issuance of certificates in both forms in addition to the requirements laid down in Articles 150 and 217 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and in Chapter VII of Title II of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

⁵ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671).

⁶ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013 of 11 March 2013 on traceability requirements for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts (OJ L 68, 12.3.2013, p. 16).

⁷ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 of 4 March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 18).

- (13) To facilitate official controls at the border control posts of entry into the Union, the requirements for certificates for the entry into the Union should include linguistic requirements.
- (14) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 provides that the Information Management System for Official Controls (IMSOC) is to allow for the production, handling and transmission of official certificates, including in electronic form. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715⁸ provides that the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) is the IMSOC component enabling certificates to be produced electronically, thus preventing possible fraudulent or deceptive practices in respect of animal health, official certificates or animal health/official certificates. To this end, this Regulation should lay down standard models for official certificates that are compatible with TRACES.
- (15) Point (c) of the first paragraph of Article 90 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to lay down by means of implementing acts rules concerning the procedures to be followed for the issuance of replacement certificates. Therefore, it is appropriate to establish common requirements as regards the replacement of certificates and these common requirements, which should apply to animal health certificates, to be signed by the official veterinarian, official certificates to be signed by the certifying officer and animal health/official certificates, to be signed by the official veterinarian or certifying officer, should be set out in this Regulation.
- (16) To avoid misuse and abuse, it is important to lay down rules concerning the cases where a replacement certificate may be issued and the requirements that such certificates need to meet. These cases should be limited to administrative errors and to cases where the initial certificate has been damaged or lost.
- (17) Article 237(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 provides that the Member States shall only permit the entry into the Union of consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin if they are accompanied by an animal health certificate, unless a derogation is provided for in Article 237(4)(a) of that Regulation. Article 126(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 establishes the requirement that consignments of certain animals and goods entering the Union are to be accompanied by an official certificate, an official attestation or any other evidence that the consignments comply with the relevant requirements established by the rules referred to in Article 1(2) of that Regulation.
- (18) In this regard, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 provides for a list of goods and animals intended for human consumption, in particular products of animal origin, live insects, sprouts for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption, that need to be accompanied by an official certificate upon the entry into the Union. To facilitate official controls upon the entry into the Union of consignments of products of animal origin, live insects, sprouts for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption, model official certificates should be laid down for such goods and animals intended for human consumption.

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 of 30 September 2019 laying down rules for the functioning of the information management system for official controls and its system components ('the IMSOC Regulation') (OJ L 261, 14.10.2019, p. 37).

- (19) Point (e) of the first paragraph of Article 90 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 empowers the Commission to adopt, by means of implementing acts, rules concerning the format of documents that are to accompany animals and goods after official controls have been performed. In accordance with Article 5(2)(f) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624⁹, health certificates are to accompany animals to the slaughterhouse after ante-mortem inspection has been carried out at the holding of provenance. The format of such certificates should therefore be laid down in this Regulation.
- (20) In the case of emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse of certain categories of animals, it is appropriate for reasons of harmonisation and clarity, to lay down a model certificate in this Regulation for the declaration to be issued by the official veterinarian in accordance with point (6) of Chapter VI of Section I of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- (21) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628¹⁰ lays down, inter alia, supplementing rules for the uniform application of Articles 88 and 89 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and sets out model official certificates listed therein. However, Regulation (EU) 2016/429 repeals certain legal acts mentioned in that Implementing Regulation. Therefore, for reasons of harmonisation and clarity, in order to avoid duplication of rules, the model certificates laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628 should be replaced by the certificates laid down in this Regulation and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628 should be repealed.
- (22) Given that the rules laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 599/2004¹¹ and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 636/2014¹² and Commission Decisions 2000/572/EC¹³, 2003/779/EC¹⁴ and 2007/240/EC¹⁵ are now included in this Regulation those legal acts should be repealed.
- (23) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁶ repeals Council Directive 95/53/EC¹⁷. Commission Directive 98/68/EC¹⁸ laid down the

⁹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 of 8 February 2019 concerning specific rules for the performance of official controls on the production of meat and for production and relaying areas of live bivalve molluscs in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 1).

¹⁰ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628 of 8 April 2019 concerning model official certificates for certain animals and goods and amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/759 as regards these model certificates (OJ L 131, 17.5.2019, p. 101).

¹¹ Commission Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 of 30 March 2004 concerning the adoption of a harmonised model certificate and inspection report linked to intra-Community trade in animals and products of animal origin (OJ L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 44).

¹² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 636/2014 of 13 June 2014 on a model certificate for the trade of unskinned large wild game (OJ L 175, 14.6.2014, p. 16).

¹³ Commission Decision 2000/572/EC of 8 September 2000 laying down the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for imports of meat preparations into the Community from third countries (OJ L 240, 23.9.2000, p. 19).

¹⁴ Commission Decision 2003/779/EC of 31 October 2003 laying down animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of animal casings from third countries (OJ L 285, 1.11.2003, p. 38).

¹⁵ Commission Decision 2007/240/EC of 16 April 2007 laying down new veterinary certificates for importing live animals, semen, embryos, ova and products of animal origin into the Community pursuant to Decisions 79/542/EEC, 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC, 93/197/EEC, 95/328/EC, 96/333/EC, 96/539/EC, 96/540/EC, 2000/572/EC, 2000/585/EC, 2000/666/EC, 2002/613/EC, 2003/56/EC, 2003/779/EC, 2003/804/EC, 2003/858/EC, 2003/863/EC, 2003/881/EC, 2004/407/EC, 2004/438/EC, 2004/595/EC, 2004/639/EC and 2006/168/EC (OJ L 104, 21.4.2007, p. 37).

¹⁶ 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, 30.4.2004, p. 1).

¹⁷ Council Directive 95/53/EC of 25 October 1995 fixing the principles governing the organization of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition (OJ L 265, 8.11.1995, p. 17).

standard document for the introduction of feedingstuffs from third countries and for checks on such feedingstuffs at the external border. Since in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625, systematic mandatory checks of feedingstuffs at border control posts of entry into the Union are no longer required, the entry document established by Commission Directive 98/68/EC is devoid of purpose.

- (24) It is appropriate to introduce a transitional period to take into account the specific situation of competent authorities in third countries that need to make the necessary arrangements to ensure compliance with this Regulation and the specific situation of shipments of consignments of animals and goods accompanied by certificates issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 28/2012¹⁹ and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628 before the date of application of this Regulation.
- (25) As Regulation (EU) 2016/429 applies with effect from 21 April 2021, this Regulation should also apply from that date.
- (26) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

1. This Regulation lays down rules regarding animal health certificates provided for in Regulation (EU) 2016/429, official certificates provided for in Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and animal health/ official certificates based on those Regulations and as regards the issuance and replacement of those certificates required for the entry into the Union²⁰, movements within the Union and between Member States of certain consignments of animals and goods (hereinafter together referred to as ‘the certificates’).
2. This Regulation establishes standard models for animal health certificates, official certificates or animal health/official certificates:
 - (a) for movements between Member States or within the Union of animals, products of animal origin and germinal products thereof and notes for their completion;
 - (b) for the entry into the Union of animals, products of animal origin, composite products, germinal products, animal by-products, sprouts for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption, and notes for their completion.

¹⁸ Commission Directive 98/68/EC of 10 September 1998 laying down the standard document referred to in Article 9(1) of Council Directive 95/53/EC and certain rules for checks at the introduction into the Community of feedingstuffs from third countries (OJ L 261, 24.9.1998, p. 32).

¹⁹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 28/2012 of 11 January 2012 laying down requirements for the certification for imports into and transit through the Union of certain composite products and amending Decision 2007/275/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1162/2009 (OJ L 12, 14.1.2012, p. 1).

²⁰ In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, for the purposes of this Regulation references to “Union” include the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland.

3. This Regulation establishes model certificates, in the form of animal health certificates, official certificates or animal health/official certificates respectively, and a model attestation for the following animals and goods intended for human consumption:
- (a) model certificates for movements within the Union of the following goods intended for human consumption:
 - (i) products of animal origin from terrestrial animals which are allowed to be moved from a restricted zone subject to emergency measures or disease control measures or which originate from animals of species subject to those measures;
 - (ii) unskinned large wild game;
 - (b) model certificates for the entry into the Union of the following animals and goods intended for human consumption:
 - (i) products of animal origin and composite products for which such certificate is required in accordance with Article 13 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625;
 - (ii) certain live aquatic animals and products of animal origin for which such certificate is required in accordance with point (c) of the first paragraph of Article 3 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692;
 - (iii) live insects and live snails;
 - (c) a model certificate for sprouts and seeds intended for the production of sprouts;
 - (d) a model certificate for transit through the Union to a third country either by immediate transit or after storage in the Union of composite products intended for human consumption;
 - (e) model certificates in the case of ante-mortem inspection at the holding of provenance or in the case of emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse;
 - (f) a model private attestation signed by the importing food business operator for shelf-stable composite products containing processed products of animal origin other than processed meat, where such composite products are entering into the Union.

Article 2 **Definitions**

For the purpose of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) ‘slaughterhouse’ means a slaughterhouse as defined in point 1.16 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (2) ‘frogs’ legs’ means frogs’ legs as defined in point 6.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and frogs’ legs of the genus *Pelophylax* from the family of Ranidae, and the genera *Limnonectes*, *Fejervarya* and *Hoplobatrachus* from the family of Dicroglossidae;

- (3) 'snails' means snails as defined in point 6.2 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and any other snails of the families of Helicidae, Hygromiidae or Sphincterochilidae;
- (4) 'insects' means insects as defined in point (17) of Article 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625;
- (5) 'reefer vessel' means a reefer vessel as defined in point (26) of Article 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625;
- (6) 'freezer vessel' means a freezer vessel as defined in point 3.3 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (7) 'factory vessel' means a factory vessel as defined in point 3.2 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (8) 'dispatch centre' means a dispatch centre as defined in point 2.7 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (9) 'game-handling establishment' means a game-handling establishment as defined in point 1.18 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (10) 'cutting plant' means a cutting plant as defined in point 1.17 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004;
- (11) 'sprouts' means sprouts as defined in point (a) of the first paragraph of Article 2 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2013.

Article 3

Standard models for certificates for movements within the Union, between Member States and for entry into the Union

1. Models for certificates for movements of animals and products between Member States or within the Union shall contain entries for the information set out in the standard model in Chapter 1 of Annex I.
2. Models for certificates for the entry into the Union of animals, products of animal origin, composite products, germinal products, animal by-products, sprouts for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption shall contain entries for the information set out in the standard model in Chapter 3 of Annex I.

Article 4

Completion of certificates for animals and goods intended for human consumption

1. Certificates for movements of animals and goods intended for human consumption within the Union or between Member States shall be duly completed and signed by the official veterinarian or certifying officer in accordance with the explanatory notes provided for in Chapter 2 of Annex I.
2. Certificates for the entry into the Union of animals, products of animal origin, composite products, sprouts for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption shall be duly completed and signed by the official veterinarian or certifying officer authorised by the competent authority of

a third country to sign relevant certificates in accordance with the explanatory notes provided for in Chapter 4 of Annex I.

3. Operators responsible for consignments referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall provide the competent authority the information on the description of such consignments as described in Part I of the model certificates set out in Annexes II, III and IV of this Regulation.
4. For the purposes of this Regulation, the competent authority shall ensure that the certificates which include an animal health attestation are signed by the official veterinarian.

Article 5

Requirements for certificates for consignments of animals and goods intended for human consumption

1. The official veterinarian or the certifying officer shall complete certificates for consignments of animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (a) the certificate must bear the signature of the official veterinarian or the certifying officer and the official stamp; the colour of the signature and the colour of stamp, other than embossed or watermarked stamp, must be different to the colour of the printing;
 - (b) where the certificate contains multiple or alternative statements, the statements which are not relevant must be crossed out, initialled and stamped by the official veterinarian or certifying officer, or completely removed from the certificate;
 - (c) the certificate must consist of one of the following:
 - (i) a single sheet of paper;
 - (ii) several sheets of paper where all sheets are indivisible and constitute an integrated whole;
 - (iii) a sequence of pages with each page numbered so as to indicate that it is a particular page in a finite sequence;
 - (d) where the certificate consists of a sequence of pages as referred to in point (c)(iii), of this paragraph, each page must bear the unique code referred to in Article 89(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the signature of the official veterinarian or certifying officer and the official stamp;
 - (e) in the case of certificates for movements of consignments within the Union or between Member States, the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the place of destination in the Union;
 - (f) in the case of certificates for the entry into the Union of consignments, the certificate must be presented to the competent authority of the border control post of entry into the Union where the consignment is subjected to official controls;

- (g) the certificate must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority issuing the certificate;
 - (h) in the case of certificates for the entry into the Union, the certificate must be drawn up in the official language, or in one of the official languages, of the Member State of the border control post of entry into the Union.
2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1(h) a Member State may consent to certificates being drawn up in another official language of the Union and accompanied, if necessary, by an authenticated translation.
 3. Points (a) to (e) of paragraph 1 do not apply to electronic certificates issued in accordance with the requirements of Article 39(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715.
 4. Points (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 1 shall not apply to certificates issued in paper and completed in, and printed from, TRACES.

Article 6

Replacement of certificates for consignments of animals and goods intended for human consumption

1. Competent authorities shall only issue replacement certificates for consignments of animals and goods intended for human consumption in the case of administrative errors in the initial certificate or where the initial certificate has been damaged or lost.
2. In the replacement certificate, the competent authority shall not modify information in the initial certificate concerning the identification of the consignment, its traceability and the guarantees provided for in the initial certificate for the consignment.
3. In the replacement certificate, the competent authority shall:
 - (a) make clear reference to the unique code referred to in Article 89(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and the date of issue of the initial certificate, and clearly state that it replaces the initial certificate;
 - (b) indicate a new certificate number different to that of the initial certificate;
 - (c) indicate the date when it was issued, as opposed to the date of issue of the initial certificate;
 - (d) produce an original document issued in paper, except in the case of electronic replacement certificates submitted in TRACES.
4. In the case of entry into the Union of consignments, the competent authority of the border control post of entry into the Union may refrain from requesting the operator responsible for the consignment to provide a replacement certificate when information concerning the consignee, the importer, the border control post of entry into the Union or the means of transport changes after the certificate has been issued and such new information is provided by the operator responsible for the consignment.

Article 7

Model animal health certificate and official certificate for movements within the Union and between Member States of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption

1. The animal health certificate referred to in point Article 1(3)(a)(i) to be used for movement within the Union of products of animal origin, which are allowed to be moved from a restricted zone subject to emergency measures or disease control measures or originate from animals of species subject to those measures shall correspond to the model INTRA-EMERGENCY drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 1 of Annex II.
2. The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(a)(ii) to be used for movements between Member States of unskinned large wild game intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model INTRA-UNSKINNED LARGE WILD GAME drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 2 of Annex II.

Article 8

Model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of fresh meat of ungulates intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificates referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of fresh meat of ungulates intended for human consumption shall correspond to one of the following models, depending on the species and categories of products concerned:

- (a) BOV drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 1 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of domestic bovine animals;
- (b) OVI drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 2 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of domestic ovine and caprine animals;
- (c) POR drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 3 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of domestic porcine animals;
- (d) EQU drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 4 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of domestic solipeds (*Equus caballus*, *Equus asinus* and their cross-breeds);
- (e) RUF drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 5 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of animals of the family Bovidae (other than domestic bovine, ovine and caprine animals), camelid animals and cervid animals kept as farmed game;
- (f) RUW drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 6 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of wild animals of the family Bovidae (other than

- domestic bovine, ovine and caprine animals), wild camelid animals and wild cervid animals;
- (g) SUF drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 7 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of animals kept as farmed game of wild breeds of porcine animals and animals of the family Tayassuidae;
 - (h) SUW drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 8 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of wild animals of wild breeds of porcine animals and animals of the family Tayassuidae;
 - (i) EQW drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 9 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of wild game solipeds belonging to the subgenus *Hippotigris* (zebra);
 - (j) RUM-MSM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 10 of Annex III, for mechanically separated meat, intended for human consumption, of domestic ruminants;
 - (k) SUI-MSM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 11 of Annex III, for mechanically separated meat, intended for human consumption, of domestic porcine animals;
 - (l) NZ-TRANSIT-SG drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 12 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption originating from New Zealand transiting through Singapore with unloading, possible storage and reloading before entry into the Union.

Article 9

Model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of meat of poultry, ratites and other game birds, eggs and egg products intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificates referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of meat of poultry, ratites and other game birds, eggs and egg products intended for human consumption shall correspond to one of the following models, depending on the species and categories of products concerned:

- (a) POU drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 13 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of poultry other than ratites;
- (b) POU-MI/MSM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 14 of Annex III, for minced meat and mechanically separated meat, intended for human consumption, of poultry other than ratites;
- (c) RAT drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 15 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of ratites;

- (d) RAT-MI/MSM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 16 of Annex III, for minced meat and mechanically separated meat, intended for human consumption, of ratites;
- (e) GBM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 17 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of game birds;
- (f) GBM-MI/MSM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 18 of Annex III, for minced meat and mechanically separated meat, intended for human consumption, of game birds;
- (g) E drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 19 of Annex III, for eggs intended for human consumption;
- (h) EP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 20 of Annex III, for egg products intended for human consumption.

Article 10

Model official certificates and animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits

The official certificates and animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding mechanically separated meat, of wild leporidae, of certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits shall correspond to one of the following models, depending on the species and categories of products concerned:

- (a) WL drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 21 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption of wild leporidae (rabbits and hares), excluding minced meat, mechanically separated meat and offal except for unskinned and uneviscerated leporidae;
- (b) WM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 22 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding offal, minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of wild land mammals other than ungulates and leporidae;
- (c) RM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 23 of Annex III, for fresh meat intended for human consumption, excluding minced meat and mechanically separated meat, of farmed rabbits.

Article 11

Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of meat preparations intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of meat preparations intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model MP-PREP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 24 of Annex III.

Article 12

Model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines others than casings

The animal health/official certificates referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines others than casings, shall correspond to one of the following models, depending on the species and categories of products concerned:

- (a) MPNT drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 25 of Annex III, for meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, others than casings, that are not required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment;
- (b) MPST drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 26 of Annex III, for meat products intended for human consumption, including rendered animal fats and greaves, meat extracts and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, others than casings, that are required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment.

Article 13

Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of casings intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of casings intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model CAS drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 27 of Annex III.

Article 14

Model animal health/official certificate and official certificates for the entry into the Union of live fish, live crustaceans, products of animal origin from those animals and certain fishery products intended for human consumption

1. The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of live fish, live crustaceans and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model FISH-CRUST-HC drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 28 of Annex III.
2. The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used in the case of fishery products intended for human consumption caught by vessels flying the flag of a Member State and transferred in third countries with or without storage shall correspond to the model EU-FISH drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 29 of Annex III.
3. The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be signed by the captain and to be used for entry into the Union of fishery products or fishery products derived from bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption, entering the Union directly from a reefer, freezer or factory vessel flying the flag of a third country as provided for in Article 11(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 shall

correspond to the model FISH/MOL-CAP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 30 of Annex III.

Article 15

Model animal health/official certificate and official certificate for the entry into the Union of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods, products of animal origin from those animals and certain processed bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption

1. The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods and products of animal origin from those animals intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model MOL-HC drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 31 of Annex III.
2. The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of processed bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption belonging to the species *Acanthocardia tuberculatum* shall correspond to the model MOL-AT drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 32 of Annex III.

Article 16

Model animal health/official certificates for the entry into the Union of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificates referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(ii) to be used for the entry into the Union of raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products intended for human consumption shall correspond to one of the following models, depending on the species and categories of products concerned:

- (a) MILK-RM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 33 of Annex III, for raw milk intended for human consumption;
- (b) MILK-RMP/NT drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 34 of Annex III, for dairy products intended for human consumption derived from raw milk or that are not required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment;
- (c) DAIRY-PRODUCTS-PT drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 35 of Annex III, for dairy products intended for human consumption that are required to undergo a pasteurization treatment;
- (d) DAIRY-PRODUCTS-ST drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 36 of Annex III, for dairy products intended for human consumption that are required to undergo a specific risk-mitigating treatment other than pasteurization;
- (e) COLOSTRUM drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 37 of Annex III, for colostrum intended for human consumption;
- (f) COLOSTRUM-BP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 38 of Annex III, for colostrum-based products intended for human consumption.

Article 17

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of chilled, frozen or prepared frogs' legs intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to of Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of chilled, frozen or prepared frogs' legs intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model FRG drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 39 of Annex III.

Article 18

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of snails intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(iii) to be used for the entry into the Union of snails intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model SNS drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 40 of Annex III.

Article 19

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of gelatine intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of gelatine intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model GEL drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 41 of Annex III.

Article 20

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of collagen intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of collagen intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model COL drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 42 of Annex III.

Article 21

Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model RCG drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 43 of Annex III.

Article 22

Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of treated raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of treated raw materials for the production of gelatine and collagen intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model TCG drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 44 of Annex III.

Article 23

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in of Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of honey and other apiculture products intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model HON drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 45 of Annex III.

Article 24

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of highly refined chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, chitosan, glucosamine, rennet, isinglass and amino acids intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of highly refined chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, chitosan, glucosamine, rennet, isinglass and amino acids intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model HRP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 46 of Annex III.

Article 25

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of reptile meat intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of reptile meat intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model REP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 47 of Annex III.

Article 26

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of insects intended for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(iii) to be used for the entry into the Union of insects intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model INS drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 48 of Annex III.

Article 27

Model certificate for the entry into the Union of other products of animal origin derived from domestic ungulates, poultry, rabbits or fishery products intended for human consumption and not covered by Articles 8 to 26

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of other products of animal origin derived from domestic ungulates, poultry, rabbits or fishery products, intended for human consumption and not covered by Articles 8 to 26 shall correspond to the model PAO drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 49 of Annex III.

Article 28

Model animal health/official certificate for the entry into the Union of composite products intended for human consumption

The animal health/official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(b)(i) to be used for the entry into the Union of not shelf-stable composite products and shelf-stable composite products, containing any quantity of meat products except gelatine, collagen and highly refined products, and intended for human consumption shall correspond to the model COMP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 50 of Annex III.

Article 29

Model official certificate for the entry into the Union of sprouts intended for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption

The official certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(c) to be used for the entry into the Union of sprouts intended for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption shall correspond to the model SPR drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 51 of Annex III.

Article 30

Model animal health certificate for transit through the Union to a third country either by immediate transit or after storage in the Union of composite products intended for human consumption

The animal health certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(d) to be used for transit through the Union to a third country either by immediate transit or after storage in the Union of not shelf-stable composite products and shelf-stable composite products, containing any quantity of meat products and intended for human consumption, shall correspond to the model TRANSIT-COMP drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Chapter 52 of Annex III.

Article 31

Model animal health certificates in the case of ante-mortem inspection at the holding of provenance

The animal health certificates referred to in Article 1(3)(e) to be used in the case of ante-mortem inspection at the holding of provenance in accordance with Articles 5 and 6 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 shall correspond to one of the following models, depending on the species and categories of products concerned:

- (a) the model set out in Chapter 1 of Annex IV, for live animals transported to the slaughterhouse;
- (b) the model set out in Chapter 2 of Annex IV, for poultry intended for the production of ‘foie gras’ and for delayed eviscerated poultry;
- (c) the model set out in Chapter 3 of Annex IV, for farmed game and domestic bovine, porcine and equine animals, slaughtered at the holding of provenance in accordance with point 3 of Section III of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Article 6(3) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624;
- (d) the model set out in Chapter 4 of Annex IV, for farmed game slaughtered at the holding of provenance in accordance with point 3(a) of Section III of Annex III to

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and Article 6(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624.

Article 32

Model animal health certificate in the case of emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse

The animal health certificate referred to in Article 1(3)(e) to be used in the case of emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse in accordance with Article 4 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 shall correspond to the model set out in Chapter 5 of Annex IV.

Article 33

Model private attestation by the operator for shelf-stable composite products containing processed products of animal origin other than processed meat

The model private attestation referred to in Article 1(3)(f) to be used by the operator for the entry into the Union of shelf-stable composite products in accordance with Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2019/625 shall correspond to the model set out in Annex V.

Article 34

Repeals

1. Regulation (EC) No 599/2004, Implementing Regulations (EU) No 636/2014 and (EU) 2019/628, Directive 98/68/EC and Decisions 2000/572/EC, 2003/779/EC and 2007/240/EC are repealed with effect from 21 April 2021.
2. References to those repealed acts shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex VI.

Article 35

Transitional provisions

Consignments of products of animal origin, composite products, sprouts intended for human consumption and seeds intended for the production of sprouts for human consumption accompanied by the appropriate certificate issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 28/2012 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628, before the date of application of this Regulation, shall be accepted for the entry into the Union until 20 October 2021 provided that the certificate was signed by the person authorised to sign the certificate in accordance with those Regulations before 21 August 2021.

Article 36

Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 21 April 2021.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN