

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/2218**of 22 December 2020****amending the Annex to Decision 2011/163/EU as regards the approval of residue monitoring plans submitted by the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependencies***(notified under document C(2020) 9556)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the fourth subparagraph of Article 29(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The first subparagraph of Article 29(1) of Directive 96/23/EC requires that third countries from which Member States are authorised to import animals and animal products covered by that Directive submit residue monitoring plans providing required guarantees ('the plans'). The plans should cover at least the groups of residues and substances listed in Annex I to that Directive.
- (2) Commission Decision 2011/163/EU ⁽²⁾ approves the plans submitted by certain third countries concerning the animals and animal products, listed in the Annex to that Decision.
- (3) The United Kingdom has provided the necessary guarantees required by Decision 2011/163/EU in order for the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependencies of Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Jersey to be listed in the Annex to that Decision after the end of the transition period provided for in 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 (Withdrawal Agreement), without prejudice to the application of Union law to and in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland in accordance with Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the Withdrawal Agreement in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol. Taking into account the guarantees provided by the United Kingdom, that third country and the Crown Dependencies should be included in the Annex to Decision 2011/163/EU.
- (4) The Annex to Decision 2011/163/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) As the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement ends on 31 December 2020, this Decision should apply from 1 January 2021.
- (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 ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2011/163/EU is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2011/163/EU of 16 March 2011 on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC (OJ L 70, 17.3.2011, p. 40).

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2021.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2020.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annex to Decision 2011/163/EU is amended as follows:

- (1) the following entries are inserted between the entries for the Faeroe Islands and Ghana:

'GB	United Kingdom *	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GG	Guernsey	X						X					

* 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 Annex references to the United Kingdom do not include Northern Ireland.;

- (2) the following entry is inserted between the entries for Israel and India:

'IM	Isle of Man	X	X	X			X	X					X'
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- (3) the following entry is inserted between the entries for Iran and Jamaica:

'JE	Jersey	X						X'					
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