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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC⁽³⁾, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 18 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 63(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2006/415/EC of 14 June 2006 concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in the Community⁽⁵⁾ lays down certain protection measures to be applied in order to prevent the spread of that disease, including the establishment of areas A and B following a suspected or confirmed outbreak of the disease. Those areas are listed in the table set out in the Annex to that Decision.

- (2) Following a confirmed outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in Romania, that Member State took protection measures pursuant to Decision 2006/415/EC, including the establishment of areas A and B, as provided for in Article 4 of that Decision.
- (3) Commission Decision 2010/158/EU of 16 March 2010 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in poultry in Romania⁽⁶⁾ was adopted following an outbreak of that disease in Romania. That Decision defines the areas within which the protection measures provided for in Decision 2006/415/EC are to apply and the period of application of those measures.
- (4) Those interim protective measures have now been reviewed within the framework of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health.
- (5) A further outbreak has been confirmed since the adoption of Decision 2010/158/EU within an area already subject to the interim protective measures thereof. Therefore, it is appropriate to take that new outbreak into account in the definition of the size of Area A and of the period of application of the protective measures which should now be confirmed.
- (6) The Annex to Decision 2006/415/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) In the interests of clarity of Union legislation, Decision 2010/158/EU should be expressly repealed.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

- (1) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.
- (2) OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.
- (3) OJ L 146, 13.6.2003, p. 1.
- (4) OJ L 10, 14.1.2006, p. 16.
- (5) OJ L 164, 16.6.2006, p. 51.
- (6) OJ L 67, 17.3.2010, p. 10.