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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/EC<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 36(5) thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 lays down, inter alia, provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain and animal health and requirements for the submission and the content of the national programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses.
- (2) Article 12(1) of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 provides that each year, by 31 May at the latest, Member States are to submit to the Commission the national programmes starting in the following year for which they wish to apply for a grant.
- (3) Commission Decision 2008/425/EC<sup>(2)</sup> provides that Member States seeking a financial contribution from the Union for national programmes for the eradication, monitoring and control of certain animal diseases are to submit applications containing certain minimum information set out in Annexes I to V to that Decision.
- (4) Following the adoption of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, standard requirements for the content and the submission by Member States of national programmes as defined in

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Article 9 of that Regulation should be revised to fully comply with the requirements of Article 12 of that Regulation.

- (5) In addition, the standard requirements for the content and submission by Member States of national programmes as defined in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, should comply with the criteria for national eradication, control and monitoring programmes established by Commission Decision 2008/341/EC<sup>(3)</sup>.
- (6) To be in line with evolving Union legislation, the electronic standard templates provided online on the Commission's website should be used for certain diseases to facilitate necessary modifications or including further details. The Commission will inform and discuss with Member States all necessary modifications of the electronic standard templates in the framework of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed. The revised electronic standard templates will be sent to all Member States at the latest by early March of the concerned year.
- (7) For other diseases not included in electronic standard templates and for aquaculture diseases the use of non-electronic standard templates is considered the appropriate tool for submissions of national programmes, given the low number of submissions in the last years, which does not justify the development of specific electronic templates.
- (8) For the sake of clarity, Decision 2008/425/EC should therefore be repealed and replaced by this Decision.
- (9) 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:

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- (1) [OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 1.](#)
- (2) Commission Decision 2008/425/EC of 25 April 2008 laying down standard requirements for the submission by Member States of national programmes for the eradication, control and monitoring of certain animal diseases and zoonoses for Community financing ([OJ L 159, 18.6.2008, p. 1.](#)).
- (3) Commission Decision 2008/341/EC of 25 April 2008 laying down Community criteria for national programmes for the eradication, control and monitoring of certain animal diseases and zoonoses ([OJ L 115, 29.4.2008, p. 44.](#)).

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