

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/978**of 14 June 2019****amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 579/2014 granting derogation from certain provisions of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the transport of liquid oils and fats by sea****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EU) No 579/2014 ⁽²⁾ provides for a derogation from point 4 of Chapter IV of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 as regards the transport in seagoing vessels of liquid oils and fats intended for or likely to be used for human consumption under certain conditions.
- (2) Those conditions relate to the shipping equipment and practices as well as to criteria as regards substances to be transported in a seagoing vessel as previous cargo. Substances that fulfil those criteria are listed in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 579/2014 (list of acceptable previous cargoes).
- (3) In its scientific opinion of 24 November 2016 ⁽³⁾, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') evaluated methylacetate, ethyl-*tert*-butyl ether, ammonium sulphate and calcium lignosulphonate for acceptability as previous cargoes. The Authority concluded that methylacetate and ethyl-*tert*-butyl ether meet the criteria for acceptability as a previous cargo, that for ammonium sulphate only food-grade products meet the acceptability criteria and that calcium lignosulphonate does not meet those criteria.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to amend the list of acceptable previous cargoes set out in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 579/2014.
- (5) 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

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 579/2014 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.⁽¹⁾ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1.⁽²⁾ Commission Regulation (EU) No 579/2014 of 28 May 2014 granting derogation from certain provisions of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the transport of liquid oils and fats by sea (OJ L 160, 29.5.2014, p. 14).⁽³⁾ *EFSA Journal* 2017;15(1):4656.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 June 2019.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

The Annex to Regulation (EU) No 579/2014 is amended as follows:

- (1) The following entry is inserted after the entry for '2-ethylhexanol':

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| 'Ethyl-tert-butyl ether | 637-92-3' |
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- (2) The following entry is inserted after the entry for 'methanol':

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| 'Methylacetate | 79-20-9' |
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