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Subject: Entry into the European Union of composite products as of 21 April 2021. New applicable animal health requirements

Your Excellency,

Further to my letter Ares(2019)7443220 of 3 December 2019, in which I informed you of the public health rules applicable to the entry into the European Union (EU) of composite products, I wish to update you on the applicable animal health requirements as established in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 ⁽ⁱ⁾ on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾. All rules will apply from 21 April 2021. These animal health rules, although providing additional legal grounds, do not in practice modify the import conditions of composite products that were presented in my aforementioned letter.

Composite products containing meat products and composite products containing dairy products or egg products which have not been processed to become shelf stable will only be permitted to enter the EU if they come from a third country or a territory or zone thereof, which is listed for entry into the EU of the specific product of animal origin contained in those composite products.

In addition, such composite products will only be permitted to enter the EU if the processed products of animal origin contained in the composite products comply with all of the relevant animal health requirements for entry into the EU of products of animal origin laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 and they (the processed products of animal origin) have been obtained either:

- a) in the *same* listed third country or territory of origin or zone thereof of the composite product manufacture;
- b) in the EU; or
- c) in a third country or territory or zone thereof which is listed for entry into the EU of those products without them undergoing a specific risk-mitigating treatment if the third country or territory or zone thereof where the composite product is produced is *also* listed for entry into the EU under the same conditions.

Shelf stable composite products containing only dairy or egg products will be permitted to enter the Union if the dairy products and the egg products contained in the composite products have been subjected to a risk mitigation treatment, at least equivalent

Embassies of all non-EU countries authorised to export
meat products, fishery products, dairy products or egg products
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to those set out in Annexes XXVII and XXVIII to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692.

With a view to reflect both public and animal health rules, a new model of official certificate and a new private attestation model have been developed for the entry of the different category of composite products into the EU. As indicated in my previous letter, entry requirements will no longer be based on the *percentage* of ingredients of animal origin but rather on the animal health or public health *risk* linked to the composite product itself. Starting from 21 April 2021, the requirements applicable to the entry of composite products into the EU will depend on the characteristics of the composite products which will be categorised as follows: (1) non-shelf stable composite products, (2) shelf stable composite products that contain meat products, and (3) shelf stable composite products that do not contain meat products. The official certificate will accompany non-shelf stable composite products and shelf stable composite products containing meat. The private attestation will accompany shelf stable composite products that do not contain meat products. Both models (certificate and attestation) will be subject to SPS notification in the coming weeks.

You will find attached a decision tree to help you understand the conditions applicable to the entry into the Union of composite products, now with the legal reference of the animal health requirements (indicated by a footnote ****).

Should you need any further clarification please contact Mr Paolo Caricato (paolo.caricato@ec.europa.eu).

I would appreciate it if you could relay this letter and enclosure to whom it may concern so that the transition can happen as smoothly as possible and your country's authorities as well as your food business operators will be ready to comply with the new requirements by 21 April 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Decision tree

Copy to: EU Delegation in the countries authorised to export meat products, fishery products, dairy products or egg products to the EU
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(ⁱ) 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. 379–520

(ⁱⁱ) Official Journal of the European Union L 84, 31 March 2016, pp. 1-208