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Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION

amending Decision (EU) 2021/1345 as regards the opening of negotiations with Colombia and Mexico with a view to concluding agreements on trade in organic products

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‘ADDENDUM

DIRECTIVES FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS ON TRADE IN ORGANIC PRODUCTS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, INDIA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH KOREA, TUNISIA AND THE UNITED STATES

1. The Commission may enter into negotiations with Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, South Korea, Tunisia and the United States with a view to achieving balanced agreements on the equivalence of the organic production standards and control systems.

2. The negotiations shall aim to facilitate trade in organic products, on a reciprocal and mutually beneficial basis.

3. The negotiations shall concern products as referred to in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 which are obtained or produced in the territory of the Union and in the territory of the relevant third country.

4. The Commission shall endeavour to achieve a high level of respect of the objectives and principles of organic production and a high level of guarantee of the control system, including surveillance, as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

5. The Commission shall aim at achieving protection of the terms, their derivatives or diminutives and the Union logo referring to organic production in order to reserve their use in the labelling of products in conformity with Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

6. The Commission shall take into consideration the principles and production rules of the *Codex alimentarius* guidelines CAC/GL 32.

7. Unless otherwise provided in the negotiating directives for a Free Trade Agreement with the third country concerned, the Commission shall apply the current negotiating directives to provisions relating to trade in organic products, when considering addressing organic trade matters in current or future Free Trade Agreement negotiations between the Union and third countries.

8. When conducting the negotiations on the basis of these negotiating directives, the Commission shall take into account in particular the principles and mechanisms of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the obligations arising from World Trade Organization rules.

9. The agreement shall provide for the contracting parties to take appropriate measures in the event of lack of administrative co-operation or management.

Before initiating negotiations with the third countries concerned, the Commission shall inform the Special Committee on Agriculture of the Council of the European Union, and update it regularly on their progress.’