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on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, concerning the amendment of the provisions to implement the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing that Agreement

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part (the 'Agreement') was concluded by the Union by means of Council Decision 97/126/EC [1].

(2) The Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement (the 'Protocol') was concluded by the Union by means of Council Decision 1999/778/EC [2].

(3) Pursuant to Article 34 of the Agreement and Article 2 of the Protocol, the Joint Committee established under Article 31 of that Agreement (the 'Joint Committee') is able to amend the provisions of the Protocols to the Agreement.

(4) Pursuant to Article 2 of the Protocol, a veterinary subgroup set up under the Joint Committee is to, where necessary, make recommendations to the Joint Committee with a view to amending or updating the legislation in question.

(5) By means of Decision No 1/2001 [3], the Joint Committee laid down the provisions to implement the Protocol.

(6) On the basis of the recommendations of the veterinary subgroup, the Joint Committee, during its next meeting, is to adopt a decision repealing and replacing the provisions to implement the Protocol.

(7) The new provisions to implement the Protocol aim to introduce an updated list of the relevant Union legislation to be applied by the Faroe Islands and to provide further clarity with regard to the requirements applicable to certain commodities.

[1] Council Decision 97/126/EC of 6 December 1996 concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part (OJ L 53, 22.2.1997, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1997/126/oj).

[2] Council Decision 1999/778/EC of 15 November 1999 concerning the conclusion of a Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faeroe Islands, of the other part (OJ L 305, 30.11.1999, p. 25, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1999/778/oj).

[3] Decision No 1/2001 of the EC-Faeroe Islands Joint Committee of 31 January 2001 laying down the provisions to implement the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faeroe Islands, of the other part (OJ L 46, 16.2.2001, p. 24, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2001/127(1)/oj).

(8) The decision of the Joint Committee will, if adopted, produce legal effects for the Union.

(9) It is therefore appropriate to establish the position to be taken within the Joint Committee concerning the amendment of the provisions to implement the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing the Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, of the other part, concerning the amendment of the provisions to implement the Protocol on veterinary matters supplementing that Agreement shall be based on the draft decision of the Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 12 October 2026.

For the Council

The President

D. O'BRIEN