

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/2125**of 16 December 2020****recognising the Government of Nunavut as a body that is authorised to issue documents attesting compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council for placing seal products on the Union market**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on trade in seal products ⁽¹⁾ and, in particular, the second subparagraph of Article 3(1a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 establishes harmonised rules concerning the placing on the Union market of seal products. It lays down in its Article 3(1) the conditions for placing on the market of seal products resulting from hunts conducted by Inuit or other indigenous communities. At the time of placing seal products on the market, they are to be accompanied by a document attesting compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 issued by a body recognised for that purpose by the Commission.
- (2) By Decision C(2015) 5253 ⁽²⁾, the Commission recognised the ‘Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut’ as a body authorised to issue documents attesting compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 for placing seal products on the Union market.
- (3) In light of the amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 by Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽³⁾ and of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 ⁽⁴⁾, the Commission adopted Decision C(2015) 7273 ⁽⁵⁾ in addition to Decision C(2015) 5253.
- (4) On 4 August 2020, the Commission received a letter from the Department of Economic Development and Transportation of Nunavut dated 22 April 2020 requesting to amend the name of its recognised body to reflect a reorganisation inside the Government of Nunavut.
- (5) The Department of Economic Development and Transportation of Government of Nunavut asked for the name ‘Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut’ to be changed to ‘Government of Nunavut’.
- (6) The Department of Economic Development and Transportation of Government of Nunavut specified that this change of name did not imply any change in the function and role of the recognised body.
- (7) The body ‘Government of Nunavut’ satisfies the requirements for recognised bodies set out in the third subparagraph of Article 3(1a) of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 and Article 3(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 286, 31.10.2009, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision C(2015) 5253 of 30 July 2015 recognising the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut for the purposes of Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 of 10 August 2010 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2015/1775 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 on trade in seal products and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 737/2010 (OJ L 262, 7.10.2015, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 of 13 October 2015 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products (OJ L 271, 16.10.2015, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Decision C(2015) 7273 of 26 October 2015 recognising the Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products.

- (8) It is therefore appropriate to recognise the body 'Government of Nunavut' as a body that is authorised to issue documents attesting compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The body 'Government of Nunavut' is hereby recognised as a body that is authorised to issue documents attesting compliance with the conditions set out in Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009.

Article 2

Decisions C(2015) 5253 and C(2015) 7273 are repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN
