

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/2214**of 22 December 2020****amending Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU as regards the entry for the United Kingdom in the list of third countries or parts thereof authorised for the import into the Union of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species^d***(notified under document C(2020) 9551)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 90/429/EEC of 26 June 1990 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(1), Article 9(2) and (3) and Article 10(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU⁽²⁾ lays down the conditions for the import into the Union of consignments of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species. More particularly, Annex I to that Implementing Decision lists the third countries or parts thereof from which Member States are to authorise imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species.
- (2) The United Kingdom has provided the necessary guarantees required by Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU in order for the United Kingdom to be listed in Annex I to that Implementing Decision after the end of the transition period provided for in the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (Withdrawal Agreement), without prejudice to the application of Union law to and in the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland in accordance with Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the Withdrawal Agreement in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol. Taking into account the guarantees provided by the United Kingdom, that third country should be included in Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU.
- (3) Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) As the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement ends on 31 December 2020, this Decision should apply from 1 January 2021.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 62.⁽²⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU of 1 March 2012 on imports into the Union of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species (OJ L 64, 3.3.2012, p. 29).

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2021.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2020.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

In Annex I to Implementing Decision 2012/137/EU, the following entry is inserted after the entry for Switzerland:

'GB	United Kingdom (*)	
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(*) In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Protocol, for the purposes of this Annex references to the United Kingdom do not include Northern Ireland.'
