

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/2216**of 22 December 2020****amending Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC as regards the entry for the United Kingdom and certain of the Crown Dependencies in the list of third countries authorised for imports into the Union of bovine embryos****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 89/556/EEC of 25 September 1989 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(1) and Article 9(1)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2006/168/EC ⁽²⁾ establishes the conditions for imports into the Union of consignments of bovine embryos. More particularly, Annex I to that Decision lists third countries from which Member States are to authorise imports of bovine embryos.
- (2) The United Kingdom has provided the necessary guarantees required by Decision 2006/168/EC in order for the United Kingdom and the Crown Dependency of Jersey to be listed in Annex I to that Decision after the end of the transitional 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 and the Crown Dependency should be included in Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC.
- (3) Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC 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 Decision 2006/168/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2021.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1989, p. 1.⁽²⁾ Commission Decision 2006/168/EC of 4 January 2006 establishing the animal health and veterinary certification requirements for imports into the Community of bovine embryos and repealing Decision 2005/217/EC (OJ L 57, 28.2.2006, p. 19).

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

Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC is amended as follows:

(1) the following entry is inserted after the entry for Switzerland:

'GB	United Kingdom (*)	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV
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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.;

(2) the following entry is inserted after the entry for Israel:

'JE	Jersey	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV
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