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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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


Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 3024 on the adoption of the multiannual programme for 2016-2017 for the implementation of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses was adopted on 30 April 2015.

(2) In the case of approval of multiannual national programmes in accordance with Article 13(4) of (EU) Regulation No 652/2014, budgetary commitments are divided into annual instalments for 2016 and 2017.

(3) Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 2997 on the adoption of the annual programme for the year 2016 for the implementation of survey programmes for pests was adopted on 30 April 2015.

(4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012³.

(5) In order to ensure the financial support by the Union to the implementation by the Member States' competent authorities of the veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses and for survey programmes for pests it is necessary to adopt a financing decision for the year 2016 and 2017. Article 94 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

*Union contribution for veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses*

1. The maximum Union indicative contribution for the implementation of the Union co-funded veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses for 2016 and 2017 is set at EUR 329 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the European Union for 2016-2017 - **budget line 17.04.01**:

   EUR 166 000 000 for 2016;
   EUR 163 000 000 for 2017.

2. The indicative percentages of the overall budget allocated per disease, as listed in point 4 of Annex I to Decision C(2015)3024, are the following:
   
   (a) Group 1: diseases with impact on both animal and human health: 45%;
   
   (b) Group 2: diseases with main impact on human health: 40%;
   
   (c) Group 3: diseases with impact on animal health, on trade (with third countries and intra-Union trade), that have the potential to generate a crisis situation with serious economic consequences and which risk be introducing and / or reintroducing into the Union territory from third countries: 15%.

**Article 2**

*Union contribution for survey programmes for pests*

1. The maximum Union indicative contribution for the implementation of survey programmes for pests for the implementation in the year 2016 is hereby set at EUR 14 000 000 and shall be financed from the following line of the general budget of the European Union for 2016 - **budget line 17.04.02**.

2. The indicative percentages of the overall budget allocated per priority of pests, as listed in point 12 of Annex I to Decision (2015)2997, are the following:

   (a) Pests listed in Section I of Part A of Annex I and Section I of Part A of Annex II to Directive 2000/29/EC as not known to occur in the Union territory ('not known to occur listed pests'): 30%;

   (b) Pests subject to measures adopted by the Commission in accordance with Article 16(3) of Directive 2000/29/EC: 35%;

   (c) Pests which have the potential to generate a crisis situation with serious economic and environmental consequences and pests which have an impact on trade within the Union and with third countries: 25%;

   (d) Pests which are not listed in Directive 2000/29/EC and which represent an imminent danger to the Union territory ('non-listed pests'): 10%.

3. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2016 after the adoption of the budget for 2016 by the budgetary authority or provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.
Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contributions set in Articles 1 and 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contributions set out in Articles 1 and 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 29.5.2015

For the Commission
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