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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 13 June 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the **European Union**. The notification concerns new or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction (**Table DS:2**).

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Table DS:2**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: EUROPEAN UNION**

*Notification under Article 18:3 of the Agreement:
New or modified domestic support measures exempt from reduction*

(1) FULL TITLE OF MEASURE:

Establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme)

(2) DOMESTIC LEGISLATION REFERENCE:

REGULATION (EU) 2021/690 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL. establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014.

(3) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE WITH REFERENCE TO CRITERIA:

This Regulation includes a continuation of the Union's current measures currently notified within the phytosanitary and veterinary field as far as pest, disease prevention and eradication.

The specific objectives of the Programme are spelled out in Article 3 par 2 (e) and is as follow:

- contributing to a high level of health and safety for humans, animals and plants in plant, animal, food and feed areas, *inter alia*, by preventing, detecting and eradicating animal diseases and plant pests, including by means of emergency measures that are taken in the event of largescale crisis situations and unforeseeable events affecting animal or plant health, and by supporting the improvement of the welfare of animals, the fight against antimicrobial resistance and the development of sustainable food production and consumption, as well as by stimulating the exchange of best practices between stakeholders in those fields;

As spelled out in Article 16(4) of this Regulation, the measures within the veterinary and phytosanitary field shall be implemented through annual work programmes. The work programmes implement the specific objective referred to in Article 3(2)(e) through actions as set out in Article 8(8) and Annex I. The annual work programme is adopted by the Commission by means of implementing acts.

The content of Annex 1 is spelled out below in point 7 of this notification.

The work programmes for 2021 and 2022 has been published in the following decisions:

- **Work programme 2021** COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION C(2021) 3046 final - on the financing of the Programme for Single Market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium sized enterprises, and European Statistics and the adoption of the work programme for 2021-2024.
- **Work programme 2022** COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION - C(2022) 724 final - on the financing of the Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed and European Statistics and the adoption of the work programme for 2022.

The spending under these measures will be notified under paragraph 2(b) of Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

(4) COST OF MEASURE:

EUR 1 680 000 000 over the period 2021 to 2027 (Article 4 on Regulation 2021/690).

Work programme for 2021 included EUR 220.7 million (Article 2, point (n) in C(2022) 724 final.

Work programme for 2022 included EUR 225.8 million (Article 2, point (m) in C(2022) 724 final.

(5) DATE OF ENTRY INTO EFFECT:

1 January 2021.

(6) PERIOD OF APPLICATION:

The years 2021 to 2027.

(7) PRODUCTS TO PRINCIPALLY BENEFIT (IF ANY INDIVIDUAL PRODUCT(S)):

The measures covered by this notification concerns all phytosanitary and veterinary expenditure and are not intended to support any individual or specific products.

According to **Annex 1 of Regulation 2021/690** the following measures will be eligible for financing:

Implementation of veterinary and phytosanitary emergency measures.

1.1. Veterinary and phytosanitary emergency measures to be taken as a result of the official confirmation of the occurrence of one of the animal diseases or zoonoses listed in Annex III or of the official confirmation of the presence of plant pests or if there is a direct threat to the human, animal or plant health status of the Union.

The measures referred to in the first paragraph shall be implemented immediately and their application shall comply with the provisions laid down in relevant Union law.

1.2. As regards phytosanitary emergencies, the following measures taken by member States against an outbreak of pests in a particular area:

- a. eradication and prevention measures against a Union quarantine pest, taken by the competent authority of a member State pursuant to Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 or pursuant to the Union measures adopted in accordance with Article 28(1) or (3) of that Regulation;
- b. eradication and prevention measures taken by the competent authority of a member State pursuant to Article 29(1) or 30(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 against a pest not listed as a Union quarantine pest but which may qualify as a Union quarantine pest in accordance with the criteria referred to in that Regulation;
- c. additional protective measures taken against the spread of a pest, against which Union measures have been adopted in accordance with Article 28(1) and Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, other than the eradication and prevention measures referred to in points (a) and (b) of this point, where those measures are essential to protect the Union against further spread of that pest.

1.3. Union funding may also be provided for the following measures:

1.3.1. Protection or prevention measures taken in the case of a direct threat to the health status of the Union as a result of the occurrence or development, in the territory of a third country, a member State or an overseas country or territory, of one of the animal diseases or zoonoses listed in Annex III as well as protection measures or other relevant activities, taken in support of the plant health status of the Union;

1.3.2. Measures referred to in this Annex carried out by two or more member States which collaborate closely to control an animal disease or plant pest outbreak;

1.3.3. The establishment of stocks of biological products intended for the control of the animal diseases and zoonoses listed in Annex III, where the Commission, at the request of a member State, considers establishment of such stocks necessary in that member State;

1.3.4. The establishment of stocks of biological products or the acquisition of vaccine doses if the occurrence or the development in a third country or member State of one of the animal diseases or zoonoses listed in Annex III might constitute a threat to the Union;

1.3.5. In the event of a suspected outbreak of an animal disease or the appearance of plant pests, intensified checks and monitoring within the Union and at its external borders, where needed;

1.3.6. Measures to monitor the appearance of known as well as emerging, previously unknown animal diseases and plant pests.
