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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 18(8), point (a), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 lays down rules for the performance of official controls and for action to be taken by the competent authorities in relation to the production of products of animal origin intended for human consumption.
- (2) *Trichinella* is a parasite that may be present in the meat of susceptible species, such as pigs and causes food-borne illness in humans when infected meat is consumed. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375<sup>2</sup> lays down specific rules on official controls for *Trichinella* in meat, including laboratory examination of meat samples of domestic swine.
- (3) In Chapter II of Annex I of Implementing Regulation (EC) 2015/1375, methods equivalent to the reference method ISO 18743:2015, authorised for detection in examining samples for *Trichinella* are laid down.
- (4) On 3 September 2024, the European Reference Laboratory for Parasites forwarded a report to the Commission on the validation of limuVAST *Trichinella* for the examination of samples of meat of domestic swine for *Trichinella*. The report concludes that, “*according to the results of the validation rounds, the limuVAST Trichinella is suitable to detect Trichinella spp. larvae in muscle samples of pigs. The*

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 of 10 August 2015 laying down specific rules on official controls for *Trichinella* in meat (OJ L 212, 11.8.2015, p. 7).

*use of this method is restricted to pork meat inspection only, as the kit has been not validated for other animal species”.*

- (5) The limuVAST *Trichinella* should therefore be authorised as alternative method for the examination of samples from carcasses of domestic swine.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 is amended as follows:

The following point F is inserted after point E in Chapter II of Annex I:

‘F. **Automated detection of *Trichinella* spp. using the lumiVAST *Trichinella* method.**

***This method is only considered equivalent for the testing of meat of domestic swine.***

Sample preparation and analysis by a fully automated Random Access Analyzer must be carried out in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturer’

#### *Article 2*

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

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*

*The President*

*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*