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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 supplements Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with specific requirements for the performance of official controls on contaminants.

Since Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915 established maximum levels for dioxins and PCBs and for perfluoroalkyl substance for wild game, a new entry for food commodity ‘wild game’ should be added into the table defining sampling combinations of contaminants or contaminants groups in commodity groups. A maximum residue level for mercury is set for wild game and maximum level for food in general is set out for melamine; therefore, samples for wild game in ‘halogenated persistent organic pollutants’, ‘metals’ and ‘other contaminants’ should be taken for official controls.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

Member States’ experts were consulted within the Commission Expert Group on Veterinary Import Controls Legislation¹, which met to discuss the subject on xx xxxx 2026.

As the changes proposed by this Delegated Regulation are minor, no impact assessment is needed.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The legal basis for the Delegated Regulation is Article 19(2)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

¹ Reference E02699 in the Register of Commission Expert Groups and other similar entities.

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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)², and in particular Article 19(2), point (a), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex I to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931³ sets out the rules for the selection of specific combination of contaminants or contaminant group in commodity groups in the frame of control plans on contaminants.
- (2) Maximum levels for halogenated persistent organic pollutants and melamine and maximum residue levels for mercury in animals belonging to wild game are established in Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915⁴ and Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵, resp. Therefore, the commodity group ‘wild

² OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/625/oj>.

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 of 23 March 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council by laying down rules for the performance of official controls as regards contaminants in food (OJ L 162, 17.6.2022, p. 7, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/931/oj).

⁴ Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915 of 25 April 2023 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 (OJ L 119, 5.5.2023, p. 103, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/915/oj>).

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC (OJ L 70, 16.3.2005, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2005/396/oj>).

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game' with appropriate crossings for above mentioned contaminant groups should be added in the table of combinations of contaminants or contaminant groups in commodity groups that shall be sampled.

- (3) The rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 are related to the control plans on contaminants as set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932⁶. These control plans are relevant for the calendar year, therefore the amendment to be made to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 by this Regulation should apply for the first time to the plan for the year 2027. This Regulation should, therefore, apply from 1 January 2027,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 is amended as follows:

In point 1, in the table, the new entry for 'Unprocessed meat from wild game (including edible offal)' is inserted after the entry 'Processed products of animal origin' as follows:

'Unprocessed meat from wild game (including edible offal)	x	x		x'
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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*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2027.

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

⁶ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 of 9 June 2022 on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls as regards contaminants in food, on specific additional content of multi-annual national control plans and specific additional arrangements for their preparation (OJ L 162, 17.6.2022, p. 13, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/932/oj).