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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 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 652/2014², and in particular Article 16(4) and Article 12(5) third subparagraph thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the veterinary and phytosanitary programmes referred to in points 2 and 3 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/690, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme for the years 2025-2027, pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (3) The work programme should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’³ and with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁴.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>.

² OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/690/oj>.

³ COM(2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

⁴ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2020/1222/oj.

- (4) Pursuant to Article 6(2), point (c), of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/173⁵, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency is entrusted with management and programme implementation tasks relating to the food chain and animal health, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material.
- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (6) In order to allow flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (7) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (8) Taking into account the limited budget available for the veterinary and phytosanitary programmes, it is appropriate to adopt lower co-financing rates than those established in Article 12(5) of Regulation (EU) 2021/690, pursuant to Article 12(5), third subparagraph, of that Regulation.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the veterinary and phytosanitary programmes for the years 2025-2027, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the veterinary and phytosanitary programmes for the years 2025-2027 is set at EUR 146 100 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 03.0206 ‘Contributing to a high level of health and welfare for humans, animals and plants’.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations:

- (a) as provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2025, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths;
- (b) as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2026 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority;

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/173 of 12 February 2021 establishing the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, the European Health and Digital Executive Agency, the European Research Executive Agency, the European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency, the European Research Council Executive Agency, and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency and repealing Implementing Decisions 2013/801/EU, 2013/771/EU, 2013/778/EU, 2013/779/EU, 2013/776/EU and 2013/770/EU (OJ L 50, 15.2.2021, p. 9, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2021/173/oj).

- (c) as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2027 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not exceed 20 %.

The authorising officers responsible for the budget line referred to in Article 2, first paragraph, may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph of this Article. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex to this Decision. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex to this Decision, in accordance with Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

Done at Brussels, 8.4.2024

For the Commission
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