WORKING DOCUMENT 2

**Amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035**

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COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) …/...

**of XXX**

**amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for establishments keeping terrestrial animals and hatcheries, and the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health (‘Animal Health Law ’), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 3(5) and Article 118(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

**Amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035**

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 is amended as follows:

(1) In Article 2, a new point (38) is added as follows:

‘(38) ‘authorised veterinarian’ means any veterinarian who has been authorised by the competent authority in a Member State to carry out specific tasks within the meaning of Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and under the conditions laid down in Article 30 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.’

(2) Article 70 is replaced by the following:

‘*Article 70*

**Obligations on operators keeping dogs, cats and ferrets as regards the means and methods of identification of those animals, their application and use**

Operators keeping dogs, cats and ferrets shall ensure, when those animals are moved to another Member State, that:

1. the animals are individually identified by an injectable transponder as listed in point (e) of Annex III with individual, non-repeatable and non-programmable identification code that contains the following information:
   1. the code of the country where they were initially identified conforming with ISO Standard 3166;
   2. a unique serial number;
2. the implantation of the injectable transponder is performed by a veterinarian in accordance with point 1(c)(iv) of Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 or, where allowed by the competent authority, under the conditions laid down in point 2 of that Article;
3. the injectable transponder intended for implantation in the animal complies with the technical requirements laid down in Annex IV;
4. they provide to the competent authority and where necessary to other operators the reading device which enables at any time the verification of the individual identification of the animal where the implanted injectable transponder does not comply with the technical requirements laid down in Annex IV.

(3) Article 71 is replaced by the following:

‘*Article 71*

**Identification document of kept dog, cats and ferrets**

1 Operators keeping dogs, cats and ferrets shall ensure that each of those animals where it is moved to another Member State is accompanied by an identification document in the form of a passport, duly completed and issued in accordance with Article 71a of this Regulation.

2. The passport referred to in paragraph 1 shall contain entries for the insertion of the information laid down in Annex V to this Regulation.

3. The passport referred to in paragraph 1 shall bear a number consisting of the ISO code of the Member State of issue, followed by a unique alphanumeric code.’

(4) A new Article 71a is added as follows:

‘*Article 71a*

**Issuing and completion of the passport**

1. An authorised veterinarian shall issue the passport referred to in Article 71(1) of this Regulation after:

(a) the authorised veterinarian has verified that the pet animal is duly identified in accordance with Article 70 of this Regulation;

(b) the relevant entries of the passport have been duly completed with the information listed in Annex V, points (a) to (e) to this Regulation;

(c) the operator has signed the passport;

(d) the authorised veterinarian has completed the relevant entries of the passport with the information referred to in points (g) to (j) of Annex V to this Regulation, thus certifying compliance with the conditions set out in Article 53, points (c) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

2. The authorised veterinarian issuing the passport referred to in Article 71(1) shall keep records of the information referred to in Annex V, points (a) to (c) and in Article 71(3) of this Regulation for a minimum period to be determined by the competent authority, but which shall not be less than three years.

(5) A new Article 71b is added as follows:

*‘Article 71b*

**Distribution of blank passports**

1. Competent authorities shall ensure that blank passports in paper form are distributed only to authorised veterinarians.

2. Authorised veterinarians to whom blank passports referred to in paragraph 1 have been distributed shall not distribute those blank passports to any further veterinarians.

3. Competent authority shall keep records of the names and contact information of authorised veterinarians to whom they distributed blank passports with reference to the number referred to in Article 71(3) of this Regulation.

The records shall be kept for a minimum period to be determined by the competent authority, but which shall not be less than three years.’

(6) New Annexes IV and V are added to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

**Entry into force and application**

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 21 April 2026.

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

ANNEX

New Annexes IV and V are added to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 as follows:

‘ANNEX IV

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPONDERS USED FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS**

Transponders used to individually identify dogs, cats and ferrets must:

1. comply for the code structure and technical concept of radio frequency identification with ISO standards 11784 and 11785;
2. be evaluated according to ISO standard 24631 to ensure compliance with ISO standards 11784 and 11785.

ANNEX V

**INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN THE PASSPORT FOR DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS**

(a) the location of the transponder or the tattoo;

(b) the date of application, or in case of a passport renewal, the date of reading of the transponder or the tattoo;

(c) the individual identification code displayed by the transponder or the tattoo;

(d) the name, species, breed, sex, colour, date of birth as stated by the owner and any notable or discernible features or characteristics of the pet animal;

(e) the name and contact information of the operator or where applicable, the pet owner;

(f) the signature of the operator or where applicable, the pet owner;

(g) the name, contact information and signature of the authorised veterinarian issuing or completing the identification document;

(h) details of the anti-rabies vaccination;

(i) the date of blood sampling for the rabies antibody titration test;

(j) details of the treatment against infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*;

(k) compliance with any risk-mitigating measures for diseases other than infection with rabies virus and infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*;

(l) other relevant information regarding the health status of the pet animal.’