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Forwarding of a detailed opinion received by a Member State (Austria) (article 6, paragraph 2, second indent of Directive (EU) 2015/1535). This detailed opinion extends the standstill period until 28-12-2026.

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Extends the time limit of the status quo until 28-12-2026. - Prolonge le délai de statu quo jusqu'au 28-12-2026.- Die Laufzeit des Status quo wird verlängert bis 28-12-2026.- Удължаване на крайния срок на статуквото до 28-12-2026. - Prodlužuje lhůtu současného stavu do 28-12-2026. - Fristen for status quo forlænges til 28-12-2026. - Παρατείνει την προθεσμία του status quo 28-12-2026. - Amplía el plazo de statu quo hasta 28-12-2026. - Praeguse olukorra tähtaega pikendatakse kuni 28-12-2026. - Jatkaa status quon määräaikaa 28-12-2026 asti. - Produžuje se vremensko ograničenje statusa quo do 28-12-2026. - Meghosszabbítja a korábbi állapot határidejét 28-12-2026-ig. - Proroga il termine dello status quo fino al 28-12-2026. - Status quo terminas pratęsiamas iki 28-12-2026. - Pagarina “status quo” laika periodu līdz 28-12-2026. - Jestendi t-terminu tal-istatus quo sa 28-12-2026. - De status-quoperiode wordt verlengd tot 28-12-2026. - Przedłużenie status quo do 28-12-2026. - Prolonga o prazo do statu quo até 28-12-2026. - Prelungește termenul status quo-ului până la 28-12-2026. - Predlžuje sa lehota súčasného stavu do 28-12-2026. - Podaljša rok nespremenjenega stanja do 28-12-2026. - Förlänger tiden för status quo fram till 28-12-2026.

The Commission received this detailed opinion on the 10-09-2026. - La Commission a reçu cet avis circonstancié le 10-09-2026. - Die Kommission hat diese ausführliche Stellungnahme am 10-09-2026 empfangen. - Комисията получи настоящото подробно становище относно 10-09-2026. - Komise obdržela toto podrobné stanovisko dne 10-09-2026. - Kommissionen modtog denne udførlige udtalelse den 10-09-2026. - Η Επιτροπή έλαβε αυτή την εμπεριστατωμένη γνώμη στις 10-09-2026. - La Comisión recibió el dictamen circunstanciado el 10-09-2026. - Komisjon sai üksikasjaliku arvamuse 10-09-2026. - Komissio sai tämän yksityiskohtaisen lausunnon 10-09-2026. - Komisija je zaprimila ovo detaljno mišljenje dana 10-09-2026. - A Bizottság 10-09-2026-án/-én kapta meg ezt a részletes véleményt. - La Commissione ha ricevuto il parere circostanziato il 10-09-2026. - Komisija gavo šią išsamiai išdėstytą nuomonę 10-09-2026. - Komisija saņēma šo sīki izstrādāto atzinumu 10-09-2026. - Il-Kummissjoni rċeviet din l-opinjoni dettaljata dwar il-10-09-2026. - De Commissie heeft deze uitvoerig gemotiveerde mening op 10-09-2026 ontvangen. - Komisja otrzymała tę opinię szczegółową w dniu 10-09-2026. - A Comissão recebeu o presente parecer circunstanciado em 10-09-2026. - Comisia a primit avizul detaliat privind 10-09-2026. - Komisia dostala toto podrobné stanovisko dňa 10-09-2026. - Komisija je to podrobno mnenje prejela dne 10-09-2026. - Kommissionen mottog detta detaljerade yttrande om 10-09-2026. - Fuair an Coimisiún an tuairim mhionsonraithe sin maidir le 10-09-2026.

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4. 2026/0313/IT - C60A - Labelling

5. article 6, paragraph 2, second indent of Directive (EU) 2015/1535

6. The introduction of a national quality system for animal welfare in Italy is in principle a welcome development. However, the SQNBA certification system is designed in such a way that, contrary to what is indicated in the notification, economic operators from other Member States are not able to participate in the SQNBA.

The SQNBA certification presupposes the use of the ClassyFarm information system from the Italian Ministry of Health, which is directly linked to the National Database (BDN) and to the electronic register for veterinary treatments. Since ClassyFarm was developed exclusively for the Italian context and is not interoperable with the information systems of the other Member States, economic operators outside Italy do not have the necessary tools to comply with the requirements of the SQNBA. As a result, products manufactured in other Member States cannot currently be certified under the SQNBA.

It follows that, contrary to what Italy has stated, access to the SQNBA is in fact not open to all economic operators in the European Union. The system therefore leads to unequal treatment between Italian economic operators and those established in other Member States and constitutes a de facto restriction on the free movement of goods within the framework of the internal market.

The draft provides for a voluntary national certification system that explicitly defines animal welfare and production requirements that go beyond existing European and national requirements. Austria supports higher standards in animal welfare and the provision of transparent information to consumers. However, these objectives must be pursued in accordance with the principles of the European single market and, in particular, the free movement of goods. The creation of additional national requirements must not lead to the creation of additional de facto barriers to market access for goods from other Member States. Given market requirements, participation in the Italian system is, in practice, a prerequisite for successful marketing in Italy.

The proposed arrangements for traceability and chain of custody are particularly problematic. The requirements extend across the different stages of the production, processing and marketing chains and are associated with additional certification, control and documentation obligations. Information relevant to the SQNBA is to be passed on to the end consumer via a certified chain of custody. For animals and meat products traded cross-border, this entails additional organisational and economic burdens that do not appear appropriate for goods that are already fully regulated and monitored throughout the Union.

The draft also provides for, inter alia, information on the certification, the husbandry method, the certified establishment as well as additional identification information. This information is already required to be displayed on sales documents for live animals and on the corresponding documentation or packaging of products. This poses a risk for the international livestock and meat trade as it may require the establishment of separate commodity flows, documentation, and labelling processes for shipments to Italy.

Labelling, documentation and traceability requirements should therefore be regulated in such a way that they do not impose a disproportionate burden on cross-border supply chains. Furthermore, a clause on mutual recognition should be

included in the draft for products from Member States where equivalent, officially recognised systems already exist.

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