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In accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292¹, horsemeat shall only enter the EU from third countries which, in particular, provide guarantees of compliance with the prohibition of the use of certain substances in farm animals laid down in Council Directive 96/22/EC², provide guarantees of compliance with the prohibition of the use of the substances listed in Table 2 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010³, and have an approved residue control plan and are listed for equine in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/405⁴.

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 of 6 September 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption (OJ L 304, 24.11.2022, p. 1 ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/2292/oj).

² Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of β -agonists, and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 3 ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1996/22/oj>).

³ Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 of 22 December 2009 on pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding maximum residue limits in foodstuffs of animal origin (OJ L 15, 20.1.2010, p. 1 ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/37\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/37(1)/oj)).

⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 118 ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/405/oj).