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ANNEX

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Part B of Annex II, entry ‘**5. Nematodes**’, the following point is added:
‘6. *Meloidogyne graminicola* Golden & Birchfield [MELGGC]’;
- (2) in Annex VII, the following point is inserted between points 6 and 7:

‘6.1	Plants for planting, with roots, of <i>Oryza sativa</i> L., that have been grown in soil	ex 0602 90 50	Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canary Islands, Egypt, Faeroe Islands, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Norway, Russia (only the following parts: Central Federal District (Tsentralny federalny okrug), Northwestern Federal District (Severo- Zapadny federalny okrug), Southern Federal District (Yuzhny federalny okrug), North Caucasian Federal District (Severo- Kavkazsky federalny okrug) and Volga Federal District	1. Official statement that the plants: (a) originate in a country recognised as being free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield, in accordance with the relevant International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, or (b) originate in an area established by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin as being free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield, in accordance with the relevant International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, or (c) have been grown in a production site established as free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield, in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures: (i) which has been registered and supervised by the national plant protection organisation in the country of origin; and (ii) which has been officially inspected, at the most appropriate time, for detecting symptoms of infestation in
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			(Privolzhsky federalny okrug)), San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine and the United Kingdom(*)	known host plants of <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield, and where appropriate in the soil during the last complete cycle of vegetation prior to the export, and found free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield; and (iii) where official inspections were carried out at the most appropriate time for detecting symptoms of infestation in known host plants of <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield and, where appropriate, in the soil, during the last complete cycle of vegetation prior to the export, in a zone with a width of at least 100 m surrounding the production site, and found free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield. 2. Where point 1 (b) applies, the pest free area concerned shall be mentioned on the phytosanitary certificate under the rubric ‘place of origin’.
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(*) In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Windsor Framework (see Joint Declaration No 1/2023 of the Union and the United Kingdom in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community of 24 March 2023, OJ L 102, 17.4.2023, p. 87) in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Framework, for the purposes of this Annex, references to the United Kingdom do not include Northern Ireland’;

(3) in Annex VIII, the following point is inserted between points 14 and 15:

‘14.1	Plants for planting with roots, of <i>Oryza sativa</i> L., that have been grown in soil	Official statement that: (a) the plants originate in an area known to be free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield; or (b) the plants have been grown in a production site in the buffer zone of a demarcated area established pursuant to Article 4 of Implementing Regulation (EU) .../... (<i>Office of Publications, please insert reference to the Commission Implementing Regulation concerning measures to eradicate Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield), established as free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures: (i) which is registered and supervised by the competent authorities; and (ii) which was officially inspected, at the most appropriate time, for detecting symptoms of infestation in known host plants of <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield, and where appropriate in the soil, during the last complete cycle of vegetation prior to the movement, and found free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield; and (iii) where official inspections were carried out at the most appropriate time for detecting symptoms of infestation in known host plants of <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield and, where appropriate, in the soil, during the last complete cycle of vegetation prior to the movement, in a zone with a width of at least 100 m surrounding the production site, and found free from <i>Meloidogyne graminicola</i> Golden & Birchfield.’
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