

COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2022/119**of 26 January 2022****repealing Decision 2004/613/EC concerning the creation of an advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2004/613/EC ⁽¹⁾ established the advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health. This group has been consulted by the Commission on its work programme on food and feed safety, food and feed labelling and presentation, human nutrition in relation to food legislation, animal health and welfare, and plant health as well as on any measure which the Commission had to take or propose in the above policy areas.
- (2) On 20 May 2020, the Commission adopted the Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system ⁽²⁾.
- (3) In the implementation of the Farm to Fork Strategy, consultations are to be made with stakeholders having expertise in health, nutrition, marketing, environment, climate, sustainable agriculture, agronomy, fisheries, aquaculture and social sciences areas, as well as digital transformation and finance areas pertaining to food systems.
- (4) Hence, the issues relating to the implementation of the Farm to Fork Strategy go beyond the expertise of the group as currently provided for in Decision 2004/613/EC. Therefore, to ensure an enlarged expert participation in those policy areas, it is necessary to set up a new informal expert group with enlarged membership and tasks.
- (5) In light of the above, it is necessary to repeal Decision 2004/613/EC.
- (6) As the mandate of the members of the current advisory group expires on 14 July 2022, this Decision should apply from the following day,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2004/613/EC is repealed.

*Article 2*This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day after that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 15 July 2022.

Done at Brussels, 26 January 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽¹⁾ Commission Decision 2004/613/EC of 6 August 2004 concerning the creation of an advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health (OJ L 275, 25.8.2004, p. 17).

⁽²⁾ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system (COM/2020/381 final).