

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/558**of 1 April 2015****amending Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States***(notified under document C(2015) 2160)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU ⁽⁴⁾ lays down animal health control measures in relation to African swine fever in certain Member States. The Annex to that Decision demarcates and lists certain areas of those Member States differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation. That list includes certain areas of Estonia, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.
- (2) Article 7 of Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, providing for a derogation from the prohibition on the dispatch of consignments of animal by-products from porcine animals from the areas listed in Parts III and IV of the Annex to that Implementing Decision, should be reviewed in order to allow for a safe disposal of animal by-products of porcine origin other than feral pigs, including unprocessed bodies of dead animals, from holdings located in the areas listed in Part III of the Annex in a manner that is in line with the risk represented by these animal by-products.
- (3) In the period from January to February 2015, an outbreak of African swine fever in domestic pigs was reported in Poland and several cases in wild boar were reported in Lithuania and Poland in the restricted area listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. In February and March 2015 few cases were reported in Latvia in the restricted areas listed in Part I and Part III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (4) The evolution of the current epidemiological situation should be considered in the assessment of the risk represented by the animal health situation in Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. In order to focus animal health control measures and to prevent the spread of African swine fever, as well as to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade by third countries, the Union list of areas subject to the animal health control measures provided for in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU should be amended to take into account the current animal health situation as regards that disease in Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU of 9 October 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States and repealing Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU (OJ L 295, 11.10.2014, p. 63).

- (5) Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 7, the introductory phrase of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. By way of derogation from the prohibition provided for in point (d) of Article 2, the Member States concerned may authorise the dispatch of animal by-products of porcine origin other than feral pigs, including unprocessed bodies of dead animals from holdings or carcasses from slaughterhouses approved in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 located in the areas listed in Part III of the Annex to a processing, incineration or co-incineration plant, as referred to in Article 24(1)(a),(b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009, located outside the areas listed in Part III of the Annex, provided that:’;

- (2) the Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 2015.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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PART I

1. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- the maakond of Põlvamaa,
- the vald of Häädemeeste,
- the vald of Kambja,
- the vald of Kasepää,
- the vald of Kolga-Jaani,
- the vald of Konguta,
- the vald of Kõo,
- the vald of Kõpu,
- the vald of Laekvere,
- the vald of Lasva,
- the vald of Meremäe,
- the vald of Nõo,
- the vald of Paikuse,
- the vald of Pärsti,
- the vald of Puhja,
- the vald of Rägavere,
- the vald of Rannu,
- the vald of Rõngu,
- the vald of Saarde,
- the vald of Saare,
- the vald of Saarepeedi,
- the vald of Sõmeru,
- the vald of Surju,
- the vald of Suure-Jaani,
- the vald of Tahkuranna,
- the vald of Torma,
- the vald of Vastseliina,
- the vald of Viiratsi,

- the vald of Vinni,
- the vald of Viru-Nigula,
- the vald of Võru,
- the linn of Võru,
- the linn of Kunda,
- the linn of Viljandi.

2. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- the novads of Aizkraukles,
- in the novads of Alūksnes, the pagasti of Ilzenes, Zeltiņu, Kalncempju, Annas, Malienas, Jaunannas, Mālpes and Liepnas,
- in the novads of Krimuldas, the pagasts of Krimuldas,
- the novads of Amatas,
- in the novads of Apes, the pagasts of Virešu,
- the novads of Baltinavas,
- the novads of Balvu,
- the novads of Cēsu,
- the novads of Gulbenes,
- the novads of Ikšķiles,
- the novads of Inčukalna,
- the novads of Jaunjelgavas,
- the novads of Jaunpiepalgas,
- the novads of Ķeguma,
- the novads of Lielvārdes,
- the novads of Līgatnes,
- the novads of Mālpils,
- the novads of Neretas,
- the novads of Ogres,
- the novads of Priekuļu,
- the novads of Raunas,
- the novads of Ropažu,
- the novads of Rugāju,
- the novads of Salas,
- the novads of Sējas,
- the novads of Siguldas,
- the novads of Skrīveru,
- the novads of Smiltenes,

- the novads of Vecpiebalgas,
- the novads of Vecumnieku,
- the novads of Viesītes,
- the novads of Viļakas.

3. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kėdainiai, the seniūnija of Josvainių, Pernaravos, Krakių, Kėdainių miesto, Dotnuvos, Gudžiūnų and Surviliškio,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Panevėžys, the seniūnija of Krekenavos, Upytės, Velžio, Miežiškių, Karsakiškio, Naujamiesčio, Pajstrio, Panevėžio and Smilgių,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Radviliškis the seniūnija of Skėmių and Sidabravo,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kaunas, the seniūnija of Akademijos, Alšėnų, Babtų, Batniavos, Čekiškės, Ežerėlio, Garliavos, Garliavos apylinkių, Kačerginės, Kulautuvos, Linksmakalnio, Raudondvario, Ringaudų, Rokų, Taurakiemio, Vilkijos, Vilkijos apylinkių and Zapyškio,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kaišiadorys, the seniūnija of Kruonio, Nemaitonių, Žiežmarių, Žiežmarių apylinkės and the part of the seniūnija of Rumšiškių located south of the road N. A1,
- the miesto savivaldybė of Panevėžys,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Pasvalys,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Prienai,
- the savivaldybė of Birštonas,
- the savivaldybė of Kalvarija,
- the savivaldybė of Kazlu Ruda,
- the savivaldybė of Marijampole.

4. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

In the województwo podlaskie:

- the powiat M. Suwałki,
- the powiat M. Białystok,
- the gminy of Rutka-Tartak, Szypliszki, Suwałki, Raczki in the powiat suwalski,
- the gminy of Krasnopol and Puńsk in the powiat sejneński,
- the gminy of Augustów with the city of Augustów, Nowinka, Sztabin and Bargłów Kościelny in the powiat augustowski,
- the powiat moniecki,
- the gminy of Suchowola and Korycin in the powiat sokólski,
- the gminy of Choroszcz, Juchnowiec Kościelny, Suraż, Turośń Kościelna, Tykocin, Zabłudów, Łapy, Poświętne, Zawady, and Dobrzyniewo Duże in the powiat białostocki,
- the powiat bielski,
- the powiat hajnowski,

- the gminy of Grodzisk, Dziadkowice and Milejczyce in the powiat siemiatycki,
- the gminy of Rutki in the powiat zambrowski,
- the gminy of Kobylin-Borzymy, Kulesze Kościelne, Sokoly, Wysokie Mazowieckie with the city of Wysokie Mazowieckie, Nowe Piekuty, Szepietowo, Klukowo and Ciechanowiec in the powiat wysokomazowiecki.

PART II

1. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

- the maakond of IDA-Virumaa,
- the maakond of Valgamaa,
- the vald of Abja,
- the vald of Halliste,
- the vald of Karksi,
- the vald of Paistu,
- the vald of Tarvastu,
- the vald of Antsla,
- the vald of Mõniste,
- the vald of Varstu,
- the vald of Rõuge,
- the vald of Sõmerpalu,
- the vald of Haanja,
- the vald of Misso,
- the vald of Urvaste.

2. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- the novads of Aknīstes,
- in the novads of Alūksnes, the pagasti of Veclaicenes, Jaunlaicenes, Ziemeļu, Alsviķu, Mārkalnes, Jaunalūksnes and Pededzes,
- in the novads of Apes, the pagasts of Gaujienas, Trapenes and Apes,
- in the novads of Krimuldas, the pagasts of Lēdurgas,
- the novads of Alojas,
- the novads of Cēsvaines,
- the novads of Ērgļi,
- the novads of Ilūkstes,
- the republikas pilsēta of Jēkabpils,

- the novads of Jēkabpils,
- the novads of Kocēnu,
- the novads of Kokneses,
- the novads of Krustpils,
- the novads of Līvānu,
- the novads of Lubānas,
- the novads of Limbažu,
- the novads of Madonas,
- the novads of Mazsalacas,
- the novads of Pārgaujas,
- the novads of Pļaviņu,
- the novads of Salacgrīvas,
- the novads of Varakļānu,
- the republikas pilsēta of Valmiera.

3. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- in the rajono savivaldybė of Anykščiai, the seniūnija of Andrioniškis, Anykščiai, Debeikiai, Kavarskas, Kurkliai, Skiemonys, Traupis, Troškūnai, Viešintos and the part of Svėdasai located south to road No 118,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kėdainiai the seniūnija of Pelėdnagių, Vilainių, Truskavos and Šėtos,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kupiškis, the seniūnija of Alizava, Kupiškis, Noriūnai and Subačius,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Panevėžys the seniūnija of Ramygalos, Vadoklių and Raguvos,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kaunas, the seniūnija of Domeikavos, Karmėlavos, Kauno miesto, Lapių, Neveronių, Samylų, Užliedžių and Vandžiogalos,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kaišiadorys, the seniūnija of Kaišiadorių miesto, Kaišiadorių apylinkės, Palomenės, Paparčių, Pravieniškių, Žaslių and the part of the seniūnija of Rumšiškių located north of the road N. A1,
- the apskritis of Alytus,
- the miesto savivaldybė of Vilnius,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Biržai,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Jonava,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Šalčininkai,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Širvintos,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Trakai,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Ukmergė,
- the rajono savivaldybė of Vilnius,
- the savivaldybė of Elektrenai.

4. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

In podlaskie województwo:

- the gminy of Giby and Sejny with the city of Sejny in the powiat sejneński,
- the gminy of Lipsk and Płaska in the powiat augustowski,
- the gminy of Dąbrowa Białostocka, Janów, Nowy Dwór and Sidra in the powiat sokólski,
- the gminy of Czarna Białostocka, Supraśl and Wasilków in the powiat białostocki.

PART III

1. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

- the novads of Aglonas,
- the novads of Beverīnas,
- the novads of Burtnieku,
- the novads of Ciblas,
- the novads of Dagdas,
- the novads of Daugavpils,
- the novads of Kārsavas,
- the novads of Krāslavas,
- the novads of Ludzas,
- the novads of Naukšēnu,
- the novads of Preiļu,
- the novads of Rēzeknes,
- the novads of Riebiņu,
- the novads of Rūjienas,
- the novads of Strenču,
- the novads of Valkas,
- the novads of Vārkavas,
- the novads of Viļānu,
- the novads of Zilupes,
- the republikas pilsēta of Daugavpils,
- the republikas pilsēta of Rēzekne.

2. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

- the rajono savivaldybe of Ignalina,
- the rajono savivaldybe of Moletai,
- the rajono savivaldybe of Rokiškis,
- the rajono savivaldybe of Švencionys,
- the rajono savivaldybe of Utena,
- the rajono savivaldybe of Zarasai,
- the savivaldybe of Visaginas,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Kupiškis, the seniūnija of Šimonys and Skapiškis,
- in the rajono savivaldybė of Anykščiai, the part of the seniūnija of Svėdasai located north to road No 118.

3. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

In podlaskie województwo:

- the gminy of Krynki, Kuźnica, Sokółka and Szudziałowo in the powiat sokólski,
- the gminy of Gródek and Michałowo in the powiat białostocki.

PART IV**Italy**

The following areas in Italy:

all areas of Sardinia.'
