

COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 December 2004

amending Decision 2003/526/EC as regards classical swine fever control measures in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, and Slovakia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/831/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In response to outbreaks of classical swine fever in certain Member States, Commission Decision 2003/526/EC of 18 July 2003 concerning protection measures relating to classical swine fever in certain Member States⁽²⁾ was adopted. That Decision established certain additional disease control measures concerning that disease.
- (2) The classical swine fever situation in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, has significantly improved. Therefore, the measures adopted by Decision 2003/526/EC in relation with North Rhine-Westphalia should no longer apply.
- (3) In Slovakia, a case of classical swine fever has recently been detected in feral pigs in the district of Velký Krtíš, which previously was not concerned by the disease. Therefore, Decision 2003/526/EC should be amended to take account of the epidemiology situation in that Member State.
- (4) In the light of the overall disease situation in France, Germany and Luxembourg by classical swine fever, it is appropriate to extend the validity of Decision 2003/526/EC.
- (5) Decision 2003/526/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2003/526/EC is amended as follows:

1. in Article 11, '31 October 2004' is replaced by '30 April 2005';
2. the Annex to Decision 2003/526/EC is amended as follows:
 - in Part I, point 1.A is deleted,
 - Part II is replaced by the following:

'Areas of Slovakia referred to in Articles 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8

The District Veterinary and Food Administrations (DVFA) of Trnava (comprising Piešťany, Hlohovec and Trnava districts); Levice (comprising Levice district); Nitra (comprising Nitra and Zlaté Moravce districts); Topoľčany (comprising Topoľčany district); Nové Mesto nad Váhom (comprising Nové Mesto nad Váhom district); Trenčín (comprising Trenčín and Bánovce nad Bebravou districts); Prievidza (comprising Prievidza and Partizánske districts); Púchov (comprising Púchov and Ilava districts); Žiar nad Hronom (comprising Žiar nad Hronom, Žarnovica and Banská Štiavnica districts); Zvolen (comprising Zvolen and Detva districts); Banská Bystrica (comprising Banská Bystrica and Brezno districts); Lučenec (comprising Lučenec and Poltár districts); Velký Krtíš.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 December 2004.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29. Directive as last amended by Directive 2002/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 315, 19.11.2002, p. 14).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 183, 22.7.2003, p. 46. Decision as last amended by Decision 2004/625/EC (OJ L 280, 31.8.2004, p. 36).