

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1679 of 4 October 2019 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2019) 7246) (Text with EEA relevance)

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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 checks applicable in intra-Union 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, where there have been confirmed cases of that disease in domestic or feral pigs (the Member States concerned). The Annex to that Implementing Decision demarcates and lists certain areas of the Member States concerned in Parts I to IV thereof, differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation as regards that disease. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU has been amended several times to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards African swine fever that need to be reflected in that Annex. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1617⁽⁵⁾, following instances of African swine fever in Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania and Poland.
- (2) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1617, there have been further cases of African swine fever in feral pigs in Bulgaria and Hungary. Following these cases of that disease, and taking into account the current epidemiological situation

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in the Union, regionalisation in these two Member States has been reassessed and updated. In addition, the risk management measures in place also have been reassessed and updated. These changes need to be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.

- (3) In September 2019, one case of African swine fever in feral pigs was observed in the region of Sliven in Bulgaria in an area currently listed in Part I of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. This case of African swine fever constitutes an increased level of risk which should be reflected in that Annex. Accordingly, this area of Bulgaria affected by African swine fever should now be listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, instead of in Part I thereof.
- (4) In September 2019, several cases of African swine fever in feral pigs were observed in the county of Pest in Hungary in an area currently not listed in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. These cases of African swine fever constitute an increased level of risk which should be reflected in that Annex. Accordingly, this area of Hungary affected by African swine fever should now be listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (5) In order to take account of recent developments in the epidemiological evolution of African swine fever in the Union, and in order to combat the risks associated with the spread of that disease in a proactive manner, a new high-risk area of a sufficient size should be demarcated for Bulgaria and Hungary and duly listed in Parts I and II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. The Annex to 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:

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- (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) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1617 of 27 September 2019 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States ([OJ L 250, 30.9.2019, p. 100](#)).

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