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Article 1

This Decision lays down the protective measures to be taken by Italy following the confirmed occurrences of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in honey bees (*Apis mellifera*), in the areas listed in the Annex.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Decision, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) 'beehive' means:

(i) a shelter built for honey bees;

(ii) a container or colony of bumblebees (*Bombus spp*.);

(b) 'apiary' means a group of beehives and the premises or facilities within a geographical location, in which this group of beehives are kept or have been kept;

(c) 'unprocessed apiculture by-products' means honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis or pollen not intended for human consumption as defined in point 10 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 ([1]) which have not undergone any processing procedure as referred to in row 10 of column 4 of Table 2 set out in Section 1 of Chapter II of Annex XIV to that Regulation;

(d) 'beekeeping equipment' means used beehives, parts of beehives and utensils used in beekeeping activities.

Article 3

1. Italy shall ensure that the following protective measures are implemented in the areas listed in the Annex:

(a) a ban on the dispatch of consignments of the following commodities from the areas listed in the Annex to other areas of the Union:

([1]) Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 of 25 February 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive (OJ L 54, 26.2.2011, p. 1).

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(i) honey bees;

(ii) bumblebees;

(iii) unprocessed apiculture by-products;

(iv) beekeeping equipment;

(v) comb honey intended for human consumption;

(b) the carrying out of immediate inspections and epidemiological investigations, including:

(i) the identification and tracing of movements of commodities referred to in Article 3(1)(a) to and from apiaries and honey extraction establishments situated in an area of 20 km radius around the beehive(s) where the occurrence(s) of the small hive beetle has been confirmed;

(ii) the notification of the results of such immediate inspections and epidemiological investigations to the Commission.

2. Italy shall carry out further inspections and epidemiological investigations, including the tracing of previous movements of commodities referred to in Article 3(1)(a) from and to the areas listed in the Annex.

3. On the basis of the results of the inspections and epidemiological investigations provided for in paragraph 1(b) and paragraph 2, Italy may implement additional appropriate protective measures as necessary.

4. Italy shall inform the Commission and the Member States of the implementation of the protective measures provided for in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

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Article 4

This Decision shall apply until 31 March 2019.

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Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

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ANNEX

Member State	Areas subject to protective measures
Italy	Region of Calabria: whole Region
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