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Article 1

Subject matter and scope

1. This Decision lays down certain protective animal health control measures in relation to the lumpy skin disease confirmed in Greece.

2. In case of conflict, the measures provided for in this Decision shall supersede the measures adopted by Greece in the framework of Directive 92/119/EEC.

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Article 2

Definitions

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

(a) ‘bovine animal’ means ungulates of the species *Bos taurus, Bos indicus, Bison bison* and *Bubalus bubalis*;

(b) ‘restricted zone’ is the part of the territory of a Member State listed in the Annex to this Decision which includes the area where lumpy skin disease was confirmed and any protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with Article 10 of Directive 92/119/EEC.

Article 3

Prohibition on the movement and dispatch of certain animals and semen and embryos thereof, and placing on the market of certain products of animal origin and animal by-products

1. Greece shall prohibit the dispatch of the following commodities from the restricted zone to other parts of Greece, to other Member States and to third countries:

(a) live bovine animals and captive wild ruminants;

(b) semen, ova and embryos of animals of the bovine species.

2. Greece shall prohibit the placing on the market outside the restricted zone of the following commodities produced from bovine animals and wild ruminants kept in or hunted in the restricted zone:

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(a) fresh meat and meat preparations and meat products produced from such fresh meat;

(b) colostrum, milk and dairy products of bovine animals;

(c) fresh hides and skins of bovine animals and wild ruminants, other than those referred to in point (d);

(d) unprocessed animal by-products of bovine animals and wild ruminants, unless destined and channelled under official supervision of the competent authority for disposal or processing in an approved plant under Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 within the territory of Greece.

Article 4

Derogation from the prohibition on the dispatch of live bovine animals and captive wild ruminants for direct slaughter and dispatch of fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products obtained from such animals

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1. By way of derogation from the prohibition provided for in point (a) of Article 3(1), the competent authority may authorise the dispatch of bovine animals and captive wild ruminants from holdings situated in the restricted zone to a slaughterhouse located in other parts of Greece provided that:

(a) the animals have been resident since birth, or for the past 28 days, on a holding where no case of lumpy skin disease was officially reported during that period,

(b) the animals were clinically checked at loading and did not present any clinical symptoms of lumpy skin disease,

(c) the animals are transported for immediate slaughter directly, without stopping or unloading,

(d) the slaughterhouse is designated for this purpose by the competent authority,

(e) the competent authority of the slaughterhouse has to be informed by the dispatching competent authority of the intention to send animals and notifies the dispatching competent authority of their arrival,

(f) on arrival at the slaughterhouse, these animals are kept and slaughtered separately from other animals within less than 36 hours,

(g) the animals intended to be moved

(i) were either not vaccinated against lumpy skin disease and have been kept on holdings:

— where vaccination was not carried out and which are situated outside protection and surveillance zones; or

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— where vaccination was carried out and which are situated outside protection and surveillance zones, and a waiting period of at least 7 days after vaccination in the herd has elapsed; or

— which are situated in a surveillance zone maintained beyond 30 days because of the occurrence of further cases of the disease; or

(ii) were vaccinated against lumpy skin disease at least 28 days prior to movement and come from a holding on which all susceptible animals had been vaccinated at least 28 days prior to the intended movement.

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2. Any dispatch of bovine animals and captive wild ruminants in accordance with paragraph 1 shall only take place if the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) the means of transport has been properly cleansed and disinfected before and after loading of such animals in accordance with Article 9;

(b) before and during the transport, animals are protected against the attacks of vector insects.

3. The competent authority shall ensure that fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products obtained from those animals are placed on the market in accordance with the requirements provided for in Articles 5 and 6, respectively.

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Article 5

Derogation from the prohibition on the placing on the market of fresh meat and meat preparations of bovine animals and wild ruminants

1. By way of derogation from the prohibition provided for in points (a) and (c) of Article 3(2), the competent authority may authorise the placing on the market outside the restricted zone of fresh meat, excluding offal other than liver, and meat preparations thereof, as well as fresh hides and skins obtained from bovine animals and wild ruminants:

(a) kept on holdings in the restricted zone that were not under restrictions in accordance with Directive 92/119/EEC, or

(b) slaughtered or hunted before 21 August 2015, or

(c) referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 4.

The competent authority shall ensure that the fresh meat, excluding offal other than liver, and meat preparations thereof, as well as fresh hides and skins referred to in the first subparagraph are not dispatched to other Member States or third countries.

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2. The competent authority shall only authorise the dispatch to other Member States of consignments of fresh meat and meat preparations produced from such fresh meat obtained from bovine animals kept and slaughtered outside the restricted zone, provided that such meat and meat preparations were produced, stored and handled without coming into contact with meat and meat preparations not authorised for dispatch to other Member States, and the consignments are accompanied by an official health certificate as set out in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 ([1]) and of which Part II shall be completed with the following attestation:

'Fresh meat or meat preparations complying with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1500 of 7 September 2015 concerning certain protective measures against lumpy skin disease in Greece.'

Article 6

Derogation from the prohibition on the placing on the market of meat products consisting of or containing meat of bovine animals and wild ruminants

1. By way of derogation from the prohibition provided for in point (a) of Article 3(2), the competent authority may authorise the placing on the market of meat products produced in the restricted zone from fresh meat of bovine animals and wild ruminants:

(a) kept on holdings in the restricted zone that were not under restrictions in accordance with Directive 92/119/EEC, or

(b) slaughtered or hunted before 21 August 2015, or

(c) referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 4, or

(d) kept and slaughtered outside the restricted zone.

2. The competent authority shall authorise the placing on the market of meat products referred to in paragraph 1, conforming to conditions of points (a), (b) or (c) of that paragraph, only on the territory of Greece, provided that the meat products have been subjected to a non-specific treatment which ensures that the cut surface of the meat products shows no longer the characteristics of fresh meat.

The competent authority shall ensure that the meat products referred to in the first subparagraph are not dispatched to other Member States or third countries.

3. The competent authority shall only authorise the dispatch of consignments of meat products produced from fresh meat obtained from the animals referred to in paragraph 1(a), (b) and (c) to other Member States, provided that the meat products have been subjected to a specific treatment in hermetically sealed containers to an F_o value

([1]) Commission Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 of 30 March 2004 concerning the adoption of a harmonised model certificate and inspection report linked to intra-Community trade in animals and products of animal origin (OJ L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 44).

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of three or more, and are accompanied by an official health certificate as set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 and of which Part II shall be completed with the following attestation:

‘Meat products complying with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1500 of 7 September 2015 concerning certain protective measures against lumpy skin disease in Greece.’

4. The competent authority shall only authorise the dispatch to other Member States of consignments of meat products produced from fresh meat obtained from the animals referred to in paragraph 1(d), provided that the meat products have been subjected to a non-specific treatment, which ensures that the cut surface of the meat products shows no longer the characteristics of fresh meat and is accompanied by an official health certificate as set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 and of which Part II shall be completed with the following attestation:

‘Meat products complying with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1500 of 7 September 2015 concerning certain protective measures against lumpy skin disease in Greece.’

Article 7

Derogation from the prohibition on the dispatch and placing on the market of milk and dairy products

1. By way of derogation from the prohibition provided for in point (b) of Article 3(2), the competent authority may authorise the placing on the market of milk for human consumption obtained from bovine animals kept on holdings situated in the restricted zone, and dairy products thereof, provided that the milk and dairy products have been subjected to a treatment described in points 1.1 to 1.5 of Part A of Annex IX to Council Directive 2003/85/EC ([1]).

2. The competent authority shall only authorise the dispatch to other Member States of consignments of milk and dairy products obtained from bovine animals kept on holdings situated in the restricted zone, provided that the milk and dairy products are intended for human consumption, have undergone the treatment referred to in paragraph 1 and the consignments are accompanied by an official health certificate as set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 and of which Part II shall be completed with the following attestation:

‘Milk or dairy products complying with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1500 of 7 September 2015 concerning certain protective measures against lumpy skin disease in Greece.’

([1]) Council Directive 2003/85/EC of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease repealing Directive 85/511/EEC and Decisions 89/531/EEC and 91/665/EEC and amending Directive 92/46/EEC (OJ L 306, 22.11.2003, p. 1).

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Article 8

Special marking of fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products referred to in Articles 5(1) and 6(2) respectively

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Greece shall ensure that the fresh meat, meat preparations and meat products referred to in Article 5(1), and Article 6(2) respectively are marked with a special health mark or identification mark that is not oval and cannot be confused with:

(a) the health mark for fresh meat as set out in Chapter III of Section I of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([1]);

(b) the identification mark for meat preparations and meat products consisting of or containing meat of bovine animals, as set out in Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]).

Article 9

Requirements concerning transport vehicles, cleansing and disinfection

1. The competent authority shall ensure that, for any vehicle which has been in contact with the susceptible species in the restricted zone and intends to leave this same zone, the operator or driver of this vehicle provides evidence showing that, since the last contact with the animals, the vehicle has been cleansed and disinfected in a manner to inactivate lumpy skin disease virus.

2. The competent authority should define the information to be presented by the operator/driver of the livestock vehicle in order to demonstrate the required disinfection has taken place.

Article 10

Information requirements

Greece shall inform the Commission and the other Member States, in the framework of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, of the results of the surveillance for lumpy skin disease carried out in the restricted zone.

Article 11

Repeal

Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1423 is repealed.

([1]) Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 206).

([2]) Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55).

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Article 12

Application

This Decision shall apply until ►M1 31 December 2016 ◄.

Article 13

Addressees

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

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ANNEX

RESTRICTED ZONES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2(b)

The following regional units in Greece:

— Regional unit of Evros

— Regional unit of Rodopi

— Regional unit of Xanthi

— Regional unit of Kavala

— Regional unit of Drama

— Regional unit of Serres

— Regional unit of Chalkidiki

— Regional unit of Thessaloniki

— Regional unit of Kilkis

— Regional unit of Pieria

— Regional unit of Imathia

— Regional unit of Pella

— Regional unit of Florina

— Regional unit of Kastoria

— Regional unit of Kozani

— Regional unit of Limnos.