COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/1437

of 4 August 2017

concerning certain protective measures relating to African swine fever in the Czech Republic

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(Only the Czech text is authentic)

(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,

Whereas:

(1) African swine fever is an infectious viral disease affecting domestic and feral pig populations and can have a severe impact on the profitability of pig farming causing disturbance to trade within the Union and exports to third countries.

(2) In the event of an outbreak of African swine fever, there is a risk that the disease agent may spread to other pig holdings and to feral pigs. As a result, it may spread from one Member State to another Member State and to third countries through trade in live pigs or their products.

(3) Council Directive 2002/60/EC ([3]) lays down minimum measures to be applied within the Union for the control of African swine fever. Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC provides for the establishment of an infected area following the confirmation of one or more cases of African swine fever in feral pigs.

(4) Czech Republic has informed the Commission of the up-to-date African swine fever situation on its territory, and in accordance with Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC, it has established an infected area where the measures referred to in Article 15 of that Directive are applied.

(5) In order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade being imposed by third countries, it is necessary to identify at Union level the infected area for African swine fever in Czech Republic in collaboration with that Member State.

(6) Accordingly, the infected area in Czech Republic should be listed in the Annex to this Decision and the duration of that regionalisation fixed.

(7) 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

Czech Republic shall ensure that the infected area established in accordance with Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC comprises at least the areas listed as the infected area in the Annex to this Decision.

([1]) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.
([2]) OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.
([3]) Council Directive 2002/60/EC of 27 June 2002 laying down specific provisions for the control of African swine fever and amending Directive 92/119/EEC as regards Teschen disease and African swine fever (OJ L 192, 20.7.2002, p. 27).

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 30 September 2017.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Czech Republic.

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2017.

For the Commission
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Areas established as Infected Area in the Czech Republic as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
The district of Zlin	30 September 2017