# COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2017/1839

## of 9 October 2017

## amending Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the African swine fever virus from certain third countries or parts of the territory of third countries in which the presence of that disease is confirmed and repealing Decision 2011/78/EU

*(notified under document C(2017) 6672)*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ([1]), and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) African swine fever is a highly contagious and fatal infection of domestic pigs and wild boar, with the potential for rapid spread, notably through products obtained from infected animals and contaminated inanimate objects.

(2) Due to the African swine fever situation in Russia and in Belarus, the Commission adopted Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU ([2]) laying down measures which provide amongst others for appropriate cleansing and disinfection of 'livestock vehicles' having transported live animals and which enter the Union from those two countries. The same measures were extended to Ukraine by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1752 ([3]).

(3) Following recent notifications of African swine fever outbreaks in Moldova, the existing measures of cleansing and disinfection provided for in Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU should also be extended to the vehicles entering the Union from Moldova.

(4) The list of third countries and parts of territory of third countries where the presence of African swine fever virus is confirmed, as provided for in Annex I of Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU, should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) 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*

In Annex I of Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU, the word 'Moldova' is added after the word 'Belarus'.

([1]) OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.

([2]) Commission Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU of 5 August 2013 on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the African swine fever virus from certain third countries or parts of the territory of third countries in which the presence of that disease is confirmed and repealing Decision 2011/78/EU (OJ L 211, 7.8.2013, p. 5).

([3]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1752 of 29 September 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2013/426/EU on measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of the African swine fever virus from certain third countries or parts of the territory of third countries in which the presence of that disease is confirmed and repealing Decision 2011/78/EU (OJ L 256, 1.10.2015, p. 17).

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2017.

*For the Commission*
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