COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2019/1399

of 10 September 2019

amending Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU as regards the list of areas subject to protective measures in relation to small hive beetle in Italy

(notified under document C(2019) 6418)

(Only the Italian 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 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,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU ([3]) established certain protective measures to be taken by Italy following the occurrences of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in certain areas, originally in the regions of Calabria and Sicily. Following epidemiological developments in the past years and following the entry into force of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/370 ([4]), those measures are currently limited to the region of Calabria.

(2) On 21 June 2019 Italy notified the Commission of a new occurrence of small hive beetle in Sicily. As a consequence, the list of areas subject to the protective measures provided for in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU should be extended to include the region of Sicily again.

(3) Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) 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

The table in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU is replaced by the following:

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

([1]) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.
([2]) OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.
([3]) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU of 12 December 2014 concerning certain protective measures with regard to confirmed occurrences of the small hive beetle in Italy (OJ L 359, 16.12.2014, p. 161).
([4]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/370 of 1 March 2017 amending Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU by extending the period of application of certain protective measures and amending the list of areas subject to protective measures in relation to small hive beetle in Italy (OJ L 56, 3.3.2017, p. 213).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 10 September 2019.

For the Commission
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