DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/209

of 14 February 2020

concerning certain protective measures relating to African swine fever in Greece

(notified under document C(2020) 962)

(Only the Greek 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) 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 might 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 9 of Directive 2002/60/EC provides for the establishment of protection and surveillance zones in the event of outbreaks of that disease, where the measures laid down in Articles 10 and 11 of that Directive are to apply.

(4) Following an outbreak of African swine fever in the regional unit of Serres in Greece, that Member State informed the Commission of the African swine fever situation in its territory, and in accordance with Article 9 of Directive 2002/60/EC, it established protection and surveillance zones where the measures referred to in Articles 10 and 11 of that Directive are applied.

(5) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/181 ([4]) was adopted following the establishment of the protection and surveillance zones in Greece, in accordance with Article 9 of Directive 2002/60/EC.

(6) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/181, the epidemiological situation in Greece has not evolved with respect to African swine fever in the regional unit of Serres, and accordingly Greece has implemented the required control measures and it has collected additional surveillance data.

([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).
([4]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/181 of 7 February 2020 concerning certain interim protective measures relating to African swine fever in Greece (OJ L 37, 10.2.2020, p. 8).

(7) 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 describe at Union level the areas established as protection and surveillance zones for African swine fever in Greece in collaboration with that Member State. These surveillance and protection zones take account of the current epidemiological scenario in that Member State.

(8) Accordingly, the areas identified as protection and surveillance zones in Greece should be set out in the Annex to this Decision and the duration of that regionalisation fixed.

(9) In addition, Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/181 should be repealed and replaced by this Decision.

(10) 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

Greece shall ensure that the protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with Article 9 of Directive 2002/60/EC comprise at least the areas listed as the protection and surveillance zones in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/181 is repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 6 April 2020.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2020.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Greece	Areas as referred to in Article 1	Date applicable until
Protection zone	Municipality of Visaltias (Serres Regional Unit)	6 April 2020
Surveillance zone	In Thessaloniki Regional Unit: — Municipality of Lagada, — Municipality of Volvis. In Serres Regional Unit: — Munipality of Iraklia, — Municipality of Serron, — Municipality of Amfipolis, — Municipality of Emmanouil Pappa, — Municipality of Neas Zichnis.	6 April 2020