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## COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/281

of 27 February 2020

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*(notified under document C(2020) 1248)*

(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 (EU) 2020/47[(3)] was adopted following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in holdings where poultry are kept in certain Member States, and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones by those Member States in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC[(4)].

(2) Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 provides that the protection and surveillance zones established by the Member States listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision, in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC, are to comprise at least the areas listed as protection and surveillance zones in that Annex.

(3) The Annex to Implementing Decision 2020/47 was recently amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/240[(5)], following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in poultry in Bulgaria and Czechia that needed to be reflected in that Annex.

(4) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/240, Poland has notified the Commission of additional outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in holdings where poultry are kept, in the Kedzierzynsko-Kozielski, Sieradzki, Gliwicki, Lodzki Wschodni, Lowicki, Kolski and Poddebicki districts.

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(5) In addition, Bulgaria has notified the Commission of additional outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in holdings where poultry are kept in the Plovdiv region.

(6) The new outbreaks in Bulgaria and Poland are outside the areas currently listed in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47, and the competent authorities of those Member States have taken the necessary measures required in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC, including the establishment of protection and surveillance zones around those new outbreaks.

(7) The Commission has examined the measures taken by Bulgaria and Poland in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC and it is satisfied that the boundaries of the protection and surveillance zones, established by the competent authorities of those Member States, are at a sufficient distance to the holdings where the recent outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 have been confirmed.

(8) 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 rapidly describe at Union level, in collaboration with Bulgaria and Poland, the new protection and surveillance zones established by those Member States in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC. Therefore, the protection and surveillance zones listed for Bulgaria and Poland in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47, should be amended.

(9) Accordingly, the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 should be amended to update regionalisation at Union level to include the new protection and surveillance zones established by Bulgaria and Poland, in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC, and the duration of the restrictions applicable therein.

(10) Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(11) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8, it is important that the amendments made to the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 by this Decision should take effect as soon as possible.

(12) 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 Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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Done at Brussels, 27 February 2020.

*For the Commission*

Stella KYRIAKIDES

*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX

The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 is replaced by the following:

ANNEX PART A

Protection zones in the concerned Member States as referred to in Articles 1 and 2:
Member State: Bulgaria
Member State: Czechia
Member State: Germany
Member State: Slovakia
Member State: Poland

PART B

Surveillance zones in the concerned Member States as referred to in Articles 1 and 3:
**Member State: Bulgaria**

| **Area comprising:** | **Date until applicable in accordance with Article 31 of Directive 2005/94/EC** |
|---|---|
| Plovdiv region: | |
| Municipality of Rakovski:<br>— Rakovski city | From 16.3.2020 until 24.3.2020 |
| Municipality of Maritsa<br>— Trilistnik<br>— Stryama<br>Municipality of Brezovo:<br>— Padarsko<br>— Glavatar<br>— Borets | From 22.3.2020 until 30.3.2020 |
| Municipality of Brezovo<br>— Otets Kirilovo<br>— Drangovo<br>— Varben<br>— Streltsi<br>Municipality of Rakovski<br>— Momino selo<br>— Shishmantsi<br>— Bolyarino<br>Municipality of Kaloyanovo<br>— Dalgo pole<br>— Razhevo Konare<br>— Suhozem<br>— Begovo<br>— Chernozem<br>— Razhevo<br>Municipality of Maritsa<br>— Yasno pole<br>— Manolsko Konare<br>— Rogosh<br>— Skutare | 30.3.2020 |

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|---|---|
| — Manole<br>— Dink<br>— Krislovo<br>— Zhelyazno<br>— Voyvodinovo<br>Municipality of Sadovo<br>— Sadovo | |

**Member State: Czechia**

| **Area comprising:** | **Date until applicable in accordance with Article 31 of Directive 2005/94/EC** |
|---|---|
| Pardubice region: | |
| Bělešovice (750468), Blížňovice (618322), Bořice u Hrochova Týnce (608190), Čankovice (618331), Čeradice nad Loučnou (619655), Dolní Roveň (630080) - jižní část katastrálního vymezená silnicí č. 322, Holešovice u Chroustovic (641111), Horní Roveň (643971) - jižní část katastrálního vymezená silnicí č. 322, Chroustovice (654264), Lipec u Slepotic (750476), Moravany nad Loučnou (698482), Platěnice (698491), Slepotice (750492), Turov nad Loučnou (771732) | From 14.3.2020 until 23.3.2020 |
| Blansko u Hrochova Týnce (648281), Bor u Chroustovic (761761), Brčekoly (761770), Časy (653004), Černá za Bory (619965), Dašice (624799), Dolní Bezděkov (628697), Dolní Roveň (630080) - severní část katastrálního vymezená silnicí č. 322, Dolní Ředice (630136) - jižní část katastrálního území vymezená silnicí č. 36, Dvakačovice (777617), Holice v Čechách (641146) - jižní část katastrálního území vymezené vodním tokem Ředického potoka, Honbice (641723), Horní Roveň (643971) - severní část katastrálního vymezená silnicí č. 322, Horní Ředice (644013) - jižní část katastrálního území vymezená silnicí č. 36, Hostovice u Pardubic (645991), Hrochův Týnec (648299), Chrast (653799), Janovičky u Zámrsku (790931), Jaroslav (657522), Jenišovice u Chrudimi (658448), Kočí (667633), Komárov u Holic (668699), Kostěnice (670570), Lány u Dašic (679101), Lhota u Chroustovic (681164), Libanice (641731), Litětiny (685283), Lozice (687847), Mentour (693103), Městec (693278), Mnětice (619981), Moravanský (698474), Mravín (763322), Nabočany | 23.3.2020 |