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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,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption[(3)], and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU[(4)] lays down animal health control measures in relation to African swine fever in certain Member States, where there have been confirmed cases of that disease in domestic or feral pigs (the Member States concerned). The Annex to that Implementing Decision demarcates and lists certain areas of the Member States concerned in Parts I to IV thereof, differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation as regards that disease. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU has been amended several times to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards African swine fever that need to be reflected in that Annex. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/15[(5)], following instances of African swine fever in pigs in Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland.

(2) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/15, further cases of African swine fever in feral pigs in Belgium, Lithuania and Poland and in domestic

pigs in Bulgaria need to be addressed. Taking into account the current epidemiological situation in the Union, regionalisation in those four Member States has been reassessed and updated. In addition, the risk management measures in place also have been reassessed and updated. These changes also need to be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.

(3) In December 2019, one case of African swine fever in a feral pig was observed in the province of Luxembourg in Belgium in an area currently listed in Part I of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. This case of African swine fever in a feral pig constitutes an increased level of risk, which should be reflected in that Annex. Accordingly, this area of Belgium listed in Part I of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU affected by this recent case of African swine fever should now be listed in Part II of that Annex instead of in Part I thereof.

(4) In January 2020, a few new cases of African swine fever in feral pigs were observed in the districts of Plungės and Skuodo in Lithuania in areas currently listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, located in close proximity to areas listed in Part I thereof. These cases of African swine fever in feral pigs constitute an increased level of risk, which should be reflected in that Annex. Accordingly, these specific areas of Lithuania listed in Part I of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU that are in close proximity to areas listed in Part II affected by these recent cases of African swine fever should now be listed in Part II of that Annex instead of in Part I thereof.

(5) In January 2020, several new cases of African swine fever in feral pigs were observed in the districts of zielonogórski and wschowski in Poland in areas currently listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, located in close proximity to areas listed in Part I thereof. These cases of African swine fever in feral pigs constitute an increased level of risk, which should be reflected in that Annex. Accordingly, these areas of Poland listed in Part I of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU that are in close proximity to areas listed in Part II affected by these recent cases of African swine fever should now be listed in Part II of that Annex instead of in Part I thereof.

(6) In January 2020, several outbreaks of African swine fever were observed in domestic pigs in the regions of Gabrovo and Sliven in Bulgaria in an area currently listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, and in the region of Varna in an area currently listed in Part III located in close proximity to areas listed in Part II thereof. These outbreaks of African swine fever in domestic pigs constitute an increased level of risk, which should be reflected in that Annex. Accordingly, that area of Bulgaria currently listed in Part II that is affected by outbreaks, and that area currently listed in Part II that is in close proximity to the area listed in Part III affected by outbreaks, should now be listed in Part III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU instead of in Part II thereof. Given that Part III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU lists the areas where the epidemiological situation is still evolving and very dynamic, when any amendments are made to areas listed in that Part, particular

consideration must always be given to the effect on the surrounding areas, as has been done in this instance.

(7) In order to take account of recent developments in the epidemiological evolution of African swine fever in the Union, and in order to combat the risks associated with the spread of that disease in a proactive manner, new high-risk areas of a sufficient size should be demarcated for Belgium, Lithuania, Poland and Bulgaria and duly listed in Parts I, II and III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.

(8) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of African swine fever, it is important that the amendments made to the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU by this Decision should take effect as soon as possible.

(9) 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 2014/709/EU is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 January 2020.

For the Commission

Stella KYRIAKIDES

Member of the Commission

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/46. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is replaced by the following:

ANNEX PART I1.Belgium
The following areas in Belgium:
2.Estonia
The following areas in Estonia:
3.Hungary
The following areas in Hungary:
4.Latvia
The following areas in Latvia:
5.Lithuania
The following areas in Lithuania:
6.Poland
The following areas in Poland:
7.Romania
The following areas in Romania:
8.Slovakia
The following areas in Slovakia:
9.Greece
The following areas in Greece:

PART II

1. **Belgium**

The following areas in Belgium:
in Luxembourg province:
— the area is delimited clockwise by:
— La frontière avec la France au niveau de Florenville,
— La N85 jusque son intersection avec la N894au niveau de Florenville,
— La N894 jusque son intersection avec la rue Grande,
— La rue Grande jusque son intersection avec la rue de Neufchâteau,
— La rue de Neufchâteau jusque son intersection avec Hosseuse,
— Hosseuse,
— La Roquignole,
— Les Chanvières,
— La Fosse du Loup,
— Le Sart,
— La N801 jusque son intersection avec la rue de l’Accord,
— La rue de l’Accord,
— La rue du Fet,
— La N40 jusque son intersection avec la E25-E411,
— La E25-E411 jusque son intersection avec la N81 au niveau de Weyler,
— La N81 jusque son intersection avec la N883 au niveau d’Aubange,
— La N883 jusque son intersection avec la N88 au niveau d’Aubange,
— La N88 jusque son intersection avec la N811,
— La N811 jusque son intersection avec la rue Baillet Latour,

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— La rue Baillet Latour jusque son intersection avec la N88,
— La N88 jusque son intersection avec la N871,
— La N871 jusque son intersection avec la N87 au niveau de Rouvroy,
— La N87 jusque son intersection avec la frontière avec la France.

2. **Bulgaria**

The following areas in Bulgaria:
— the whole region of Haskovo,
— the whole region of Yambol,
— the whole region of Stara Zagora,
— the whole region of Pernik,
— the whole region of Kyustendil,
— the whole region of Plovdiv,
— the whole region of Pazardzhik,
— the whole region of Smolyan,
— the whole region of Burgas excluding the areas in Part III.

3. **Estonia**

The following areas in Estonia:
— Eesti Vabariik (välja arvatud Hiiu maakond).

4. **Hungary**

The following areas in Hungary:
— Békés megye 950850, 950860, 951150, 951250, 951260, 951350, 951450, 951460, 951550, 951650, 951750, 952150, 952250, 952350, 952450, 952550, 952650, 953250, 953260, 953270, 953350, 953450, 953510, 953950, 954050, 954060, 954150, 956250, 956350, 956550, 956650 és 956750 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
— Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén megye 650100, 650200, 650300, 650400, 650500, 650600, 650700, 650800, 650900, 651000, 651100, 651200, 651300, 651400, 651500, 651610, 651700, 651801, 651802, 651803, 651900, 652000, 652100, 652200, 652300, 652601, 652602, 652603, 652700, 652900, 653000, 653100,653200, 653300, 653401, 653403, 653500, 653600, 653700, 653800, 653900, 654000, 654201, 654202, 654301, 654302, 654400, 654501, 654502, 654600, 654700, 654800, 654900, 655000, 655100, 655200, 655300, 655400, 655500, 655600, 655700, 655800, 655901, 655902, 656000, 656100, 656200, 656300, 656400, 656600, 656701, 656702, 656800, 656900, 657010, 657100, 657300, 657400, 657500, 657600, 657700, 657800, 657900, 658000, 658100, 658201, 658202, 658310, 658401, 658402, 658403, 658404, 658500, 658600, 658700, 658801, 658802, 658901, 658902, 659000, 659100, 659210, 659220, 659300, 659400, 659500, 659601, 659602, 659701, 659800, 659901, 660000, 660100, 660200, 660400, 660501, 660502, 660600 és 660800, valamint 652400, 652500 és 652800 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
— Fejér megye 403150, 403160, 403260, 404250, 404550, 404560, 405450, 405550, 405650, 406450 és 407050 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
— Hajdú-Bihar megye 900150, 900250, 900350, 900450, 900550, 900650, 900660, 900670, 901850, 900850, 900860, 900930, 900950, 901050, 901150, 901450, 901580, 901590, 901650, 901660, 901750, 901950, 902050, 902150, 902250, 902350, 902450, 902550, 902850, 902860, 902950, 902960, 903050, 903150,