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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) 2020/1741⁽⁵⁾, following changes in the epidemiological situation as regards that disease in Belgium, Germany and Poland.
- (2) Council Directive 2002/60/EC⁽⁶⁾ lays down the minimum Union measures to be taken for the control of African swine fever. In particular, Article 9 of Directive 2002/60/

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EC provides for the establishment of a protection zone and a surveillance zone when African swine fever has been officially confirmed in pigs on a holding, and Articles 10 and 11 of that Directive lay down the measures to be taken in the protection and surveillance zones in order to prevent the spread of that disease. In addition, Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC lays down the measures to be taken where African swine fever has been confirmed in feral pigs. Recent experience has shown that the measures laid down in Directive 2002/60/EC are effective in controlling the spread of that disease, and in particular, the measures providing for the cleaning and disinfecting of infected holdings and the other measures related to the eradication of that disease in domestic and feral pig populations.

- (3) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1741, there have been new occurrences of African swine fever in feral pigs in Lithuania and Slovakia. Also, the epidemiological situation in certain areas of Lithuania has improved as regards domestic pigs, due to the measures being applied by this Member State in accordance with Directive 2002/60/EC.
- (4) In November 2020, one case of African swine fever in a feral pig was observed in the county of Klaipėda in Lithuania 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 Lithuania currently 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, and the current boundaries of Part I also need to be redefined and enlarged to take account of this recent case.
- (5) In addition, in November 2020, several cases of African swine fever in feral pigs were observed in the districts of Prešov and Rimavská Sobota in Slovakia in areas listed in Part II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU, located in close proximity to areas currently listed in Part I thereof. These new 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 Slovakia currently listed in Part I of that Annex, 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 and the current boundaries of Part I also need to be redefined and enlarged to take account of these recent cases.
- (6) Following the recent cases of African swine fever in feral pigs in Lithuania and Slovakia and taking into account the current epidemiological situation in the Union, regionalisation in these Member State has been reassessed and updated. In addition, the risk management measures in place have also been reassessed and updated. These changes need to be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (7) Furthermore, taking into account the effectiveness of the measures being applied in Lithuania in accordance with Directive 2002/60/EC, and in particular those laid down in Article 10(4)(b) and Article 10(5) thereof, and in line with the risk mitigation measures for African swine fever set out in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World

Organisation for Animal Health (the OIE Code), certain areas in the county of Utena in Lithuania, currently listed in Part III of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU should now be listed instead in Part II of that Annex, due to the absence of outbreaks of African swine fever in those areas for the past 12 months in accordance with the provisions of the OIE Code.

- (8) In order to take account of recent developments in the epidemiological situation 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 Lithuania and Slovakia and duly listed in Parts I and II of the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU.
- (9) 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 take effect as soon as possible.
- (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

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, 27 November 2020.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

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

ANNEX PART II. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

2. Hungary

The following areas in Hungary:

3. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

4. Lithuania

The following areas in Lithuania:

5. Poland

The following areas in Poland:

6. Slovakia

The following areas in Slovakia:

7. Greece

The following areas in Greece:

8. Germany

The following areas in Germany:

PART II

1. **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.

2. **Estonia**

The following areas in Estonia:

- Eesti Vabariik (välja arvatud Hiiu maakond).

3. **Hungary**

The following areas in Hungary:

- Békés megye 950150, 950250, 950350, 950450, 950550, 950650, 950660, 950750, 950850, 950860, 951050, 951150, 951250, 951260, 951350, 951450, 951460, 951550, 951650, 951750, 952150, 952250, 952350, 952450, 952550, 952650, 953250, 953260, 953270, 953350, 953450, 953550, 953560, 953950, 954050, 954060, 954150, 956250, 956350, 956450, 956550, 956650 és 956750 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,

- Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén megye valamennyi vadgazdálkodási egységének teljes területe,
- Fejér megye 403150, 403160, 403260, 404250, 404550, 404560, 405450, 405550, 405650, 406450 és 407050 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Hajdú-Bihar megye valamennyi vadgazdálkodási egységének teljes területe,
- Heves megye valamennyi vadgazdálkodási egységének teljes területe,
- Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok megye 750250, 750550, 750650, 750750, 750850, 750970, 750980, 751050, 751150, 751160, 751250, 751260, 751350, 751360, 751450, 751460, 751470, 751550, 751650, 751750, 751850, 751950, 752150, 752250, 752350, 752450, 752460, 752550, 752560, 752650, 752750, 752850, 752950, 753060, 753070, 753150, 753250, 753310, 753450, 753550, 753650, 753660, 753750, 753850, 753950, 753960, 754050, 754150, 754250, 754360, 754370, 754850, 755550, 755650 és 755750 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Komárom-Esztergom megye: 251950, 252050, 252350, 252450, 252460, 252550, 252650, 252750, 252850, 252860, 252950, 252960, 253050, 253150, 253250, 253350, 253450 és 253550 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Nógrád megye valamennyi vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Pest megye 570150, 570250, 570350, 570450, 570550, 570650, 570750, 570850, 570950, 571050, 571150, 571250, 571350, 571650, 571750, 571760, 571850, 571950, 572050, 573550, 573650, 574250, 577250, 580050 és 580150 kódszámú vadgazdálkodási egységeinek teljes területe,
- Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg megye valamennyi vadgazdálkodási egységének teljes területe.

4. **Latvia**

The following areas in Latvia:

- Ādažu novads,
- Aizputes novads Aizputes, Cīravas un Lažas pagasts, Kalvenes pagasta daļa uz rietumiem no ceļa pie Vārtājas upes līdz autoceļam A9, uz dienvidiem no autoceļa A9, uz rietumiem no autoceļa V1200, Kazdangas pagasta daļa uz rietumiem no ceļa V1200, P115, P117, V1296, Aizputes pilsēta,
- Aglonas novads,
- Aizkraukles novads,
- Aknīstes novads,
- Alojās novads,
- Alsungas novads,
- Alūksnes novads,
- Amatas novads,
- Apes novads,
- Auces novads,
- Babītes novads,
- Baldones novads,
- Baltašas novads,
- Balvu novads,
- Bauskas novads,
- Beverīnas novads,
- Brocēnu novads,
- Burtnieku novads,