DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2021/380

of 1 March 2021

approving the plan for the eradication of African swine fever in feral pigs in certain areas of Germany

(notified under document C(2021) 1248)

(Only the German 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 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 ([1]), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 16(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 2002/60/EC lays down the minimum Union measures to be taken for the control of African swine fever, including those to be applied in the event of confirmation of a case of African swine fever in feral pigs.

(2) In addition, Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU ([2]) lays down animal health control measures in relation to African swine fever in the Member States or areas thereof as listed in the Annex thereto (the Member States concerned), and in all Member States as regards movements of feral pigs and information obligations. The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU demarcates and lists certain areas of the Member States concerned, differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation as regards that disease, including a list of high risk areas. That Annex has been amended several times to take account of changes in the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards African swine fever that needed to be reflected in that Annex.

(3) In 2020, Germany notified the Commission of cases of African swine fever in feral pigs and has duly taken the disease control measures required by Directive 2002/60/EC.

(4) In light of the current epidemiological situation and in accordance with Article 16 of Directive 2002/60/EC, Germany submitted to the Commission a plan for the eradication of African swine fever on 11 December 2020 (the eradication plan).

(5) The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/123 ([3]) and it takes account, inter alia, of the cases of African swine fever in feral pigs in Germany and Parts I and II of that Annex now include the infected areas in Germany.

(6) The eradication plan submitted by Germany has been examined by the Commission and found to comply with the requirements set out in Article 16 of Directive 2002/60/EC. The eradication plan should therefore be approved accordingly.

([1]) OJ L 192, 20.7.2002, p. 27.

([2]) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU of 9 October 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States and repealing Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU (OJ L 295, 11.10.2014, p. 63).

([3]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/123 of 2 February 2021 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (OJ L 38, 3.2.2021, p. 63).

(7) 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 plan submitted by Germany on 11 December 2020, in accordance with Article 16(1) of Directive 2002/60/EC, concerning the eradication of African swine fever from the feral pig population in the areas referred to in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU is hereby approved.

Article 2

Germany shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions required for the implementation of the eradication plan within a period of 30 days from the date of adoption of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2021.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission