

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/1645**of 5 November 2020****concerning certain interim protective measures relating to African swine fever in Germany***(notified under document C(2020) 7742)***(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 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(3) 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(3) 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 a case of African swine fever in feral pigs, there is a risk that the disease agent may spread to other feral pig populations and to pig holdings.
- (3) Council Directive 2002/60/EC ⁽³⁾ lays down the minimum measures to be applied within the Union for the control of African swine fever. In particular, Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC provides for certain measures to be taken following confirmation of one or more cases of African swine fever in feral pigs.
- (4) Germany has informed the Commission of the current African swine fever situation on its territory, following a new case of that disease, in November 2020, in the state of Saxony of that federal Member State, and in accordance with Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC, it has taken a number of measures including the establishment of an infected area, where the measures referred to in Article 15 of that Directive are applied, in order to prevent the spread of that disease.
- (5) In order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade by third countries, it is necessary to identify at Union level the infected area for African swine fever in Germany in collaboration with that Member State.
- (6) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of African swine fever, it is important that this Decision be adopted as soon as possible.
- (7) Accordingly, pending the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, the infected area in Germany should be listed in the Annex to this Decision and the duration of that regionalisation fixed.
- (8) This Decision is to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

⁽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).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Germany shall ensure that the infected area established by that Member State, where the measures provided for in Article 15 of Directive 2002/60/EC apply, comprises at least the areas listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply until 31 January 2021.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 5 November 2020.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Areas established as the infected area in Germany as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
BRANDENBURG	
Landkreis Oder-Spree — Gemeinde Ragow-Merz — Gemeinde Beeskow — Gemeinde Friedland — Gemeinde Tauche mit den Gemarkungen Tauche, Stremmen, Ranzig, Sabrodt, Trebatsch, Mittweide, Sawall — Gemeinde Rietz-Neuendorf mit den Gemarkungen Groß Rietz, Birkholz	31 January 2021
Landkreis Dahme-Spreewald — Gemeinde Lieberose — Gemeinde Schwielochsee mit den Gemarkungen Speichrow, Zaue, Ressen, Goyatz, Jessern, Lamsfeld	31 January 2021
SACHSEN	
Landkreis Görlitz Im Norden ausgehend in Bad Muskau (Badepark) von der Fußgängerbrücke (ehemalige Eisenbahnbrücke) in südliche Richtung entlang der Landesgrenze Deutschlands zu Polen bis zur Mündung des Welschgrabens in die Neiße. Im Süden geht das gefährdete Gebiet nördlich der Ortschaft Steinbach entlang des Welschgrabens Richtung Westen bis zur südöstlichen Grenze des Truppenübungsplatzes Oberlausitz an der S127. Das gefährdete Gebiet verläuft weiter an der Südgrenze des Truppenübungsplatzes Oberlausitz bis zur B115 und im weiteren Verlauf dann entlang der B115 in nördlicher Richtung über die Ortschaften Weißkeißel und Krauschwitz i. d. O. L. bis zur Fußgängerbrücke am Badepark von Bad Muskau.	31 January 2021