

DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/1996

of 4 December 2020

amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in the United Kingdom

(notified under document C(2020) 8763)

(Only the English 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(4) thereof, in conjunction with Article 131 of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community ('Withdrawal Agreement'),

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, in conjunction with Article 131 of the Withdrawal Agreement,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 (³) was adopted following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5N8 in holdings where poultry or other captive birds are kept in the United Kingdom, and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones by the competent authority of the United Kingdom in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC (⁴).
- (2) Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 provides that the protection and surveillance zones established by the United Kingdom in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC are to comprise at least the areas listed as protection and surveillance zones in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.
- (3) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742, the United Kingdom has notified the Commission of new outbreaks of HPAI of subtype H5N8 in holdings where poultry or other captive birds are kept in Leicestershire and North Yorkshire, and it has taken the necessary measures required in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC, including the establishment of protection and surveillance zones around these new outbreaks.
- (4) The Commission has examined those measures in collaboration with the United Kingdom, and it is satisfied that the borders of the protection and surveillance zones, established by the competent authority of the United Kingdom, are at a sufficient distance to the holdings where the new outbreaks of HPAI of subtype H5N8 have been confirmed.

(¹) OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

(²) OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

(³) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 of 20 November 2020 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in the United Kingdom (OJ L 392, 23.11.2020, p. 60).

(⁴) Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC (OJ L 10, 14.1.2006, p. 16).

- (5) 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 the United Kingdom the new protection and surveillance zones established by the United Kingdom in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC. Therefore, the protection and surveillance zones listed for the United Kingdom in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 should be amended.
- (6) Accordingly, the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 should be amended to update regionalisation at Union level to take account of the new protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with Directive 2005/94/EC by the United Kingdom and the duration of the restrictions applicable therein.
- (7) Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of HPAI of subtype H5N8, it is important that the amendments to be made to the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1742 by this Decision 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 (EU) 2020/1742 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2020.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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PART A

Protection zone as referred to in Article 1:

United Kingdom

Area comprising:	Date until applicable in accordance with Article 29(1) of Directive 2005/94/EC
Those parts of Cheshire County (ADNS code 00140) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N53.25 and W2.81	27.11.2020
Those parts of Herefordshire County (ADNS code 00051) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N52.17 and W2.81	8.12.2020
Those parts of Leicestershire County (ADNS code 00152) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N52.78 and W0.86	16.12.2020
Those parts of North Yorkshire County (ADNS code 00176) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N54.30 and W1.47	23.12.2020

PART B

Surveillance zone as referred to in Article 1:

United Kingdom

Area comprising:	Date until applicable in accordance with Article 31 of Directive 2005/94/EC
Those parts of Cheshire County (ADNS code 00140) extending beyond the area described in the protection zone and within the circle of a radius of ten kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N53.25 and W2.81	6.12.2020
Those parts of Cheshire County (ADNS code 00140) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N53.25 and W2.81	From 28.11.2020 until 6.12.2020
Those parts of Herefordshire County (ADNS code 00051) extending beyond the area described in the protection zone and within the circle of a radius of ten kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N52.17 and W2.81	17.12.2020
Those parts of Herefordshire County (ADNS code 00051) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N52.17 and W2.81	From 9.12.2020 until 17.12.2020
Those parts of Leicestershire County (ADNS code 00152) extending beyond the area described in the protection zone and within the circle of a radius of ten kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N52.78 and W0.86	25.12.2020
Those parts of Leicestershire County (ADNS code 00152) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N52.78 and W0.86	From 17.12.2020 until 25.12.2020

Those parts of North Yorkshire County (ADNS code 00176) extending beyond the area described in the protection zone and within the circle of a radius of ten kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N54.30 and W1.47	31.12.2020
Those parts of North Yorkshire County (ADNS code 00176) contained within a circle of a radius of three kilometres, centred on WGS84 dec. coordinates N54.30 and W1.47	From 24.12.2020 until 31.12.2020'