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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2024/2156

of 6 August 2024

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece

(notified under document C(2024 5767)

(Only the Greek 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 Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 259(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus is an infectious disease affecting caprine and ovine animals and can have a severe impact on the concerned animal population and the profitability of farming causing disturbance to movements of consignments of those animals and products thereof within the Union and exports to third countries.
- (2) In the event of an outbreak of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in caprine or ovine animals, there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments of caprine or ovine animals.
- (3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 ⁽²⁾ supplements the rules for the control of the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and defined as category A, B and C diseases in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 ⁽³⁾. In particular, Articles 21 and 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 provide for the establishment of a restricted zone in the event of an outbreak of a category A disease, including infection with peste des petits ruminants virus, and for certain measures to be applied therein. In addition, Article 21(1) of that Delegated Regulation provides that the restricted zone is to comprise a protection zone, a surveillance zone, and, if necessary, further restricted zones around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.
- (4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 ⁽⁴⁾ was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and it lays down certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece. More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 provides that the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones to be established by that Member State, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, following outbreaks of that disease are to comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 64, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 of 3 December 2018 on the application of certain disease prevention and control rules to categories of listed diseases and establishing a list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those listed diseases (OJ L 308, 4.12.2018, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/1882/oj).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 of 31 July 2024 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2014 (OJ L, 2024/2132, 31.7.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2132/oj).

- (5) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132, Greece has notified the Commission of eight further outbreaks of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in establishments where ovine and caprine animals are kept. Six of these outbreaks are located in the regional unit of Larisa, in the region of Thessaly; one in the regional unit of West Attica, in the region of Attica; and one in the regional unit of Corinthia, in the region of Peloponnese.
- (6) In total, since the beginning of the current epidemic, Greece has notified the Commission of 23 outbreaks of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus that form at least two distinct clusters: one in the regional unit of Trikala; and the other in the regional unit of Larisa. All six new outbreaks in the regional unit Larisa are located inside the restricted zones already established while the two outbreaks in the regional units of Corinthia and of West Attica are both located outside these clusters and outside the restricted zones already established.
- (7) Therefore, the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zones for Greece in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2014 should be further adjusted, spatially and temporally, in order to prevent further spread of the disease in Greece and to the rest of the Union, and the dates of regionalisation adjusted. Accordingly, it is necessary to replace the list of restricted zones set out in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.
- (8) The size of the restricted zones and the duration of the measures to be applied in the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones should be based on the criteria laid down in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and the rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, including the epidemiological situation as regards infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in the Member State concerned as well as the level of risk for the further spread of that disease. The duration of the measures should also take into account the international standards of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). In the current epidemiological situation, there is high risk of further spread of the disease, in particular due to the fact that, according to the information provided by Greece, the disease has spread within the course of a few days as far as 180 kilometres from the first outbreak and the epidemiological information available suggests that the disease had been present in the infected areas for a period of time before being diagnosed.
- (9) Due to the severity and urgency of the epidemiological situation and in order to immediately limit the spread of the disease, it is necessary to ensure that animal movements from the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones to destinations outside the external perimeter of the further restricted zone do not take place, and to exclude possible derogations from the prohibition on the movements of animals from restricted zones laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, for a certain period of time, in order to prevent long distance spread of the disease.
- (10) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus and the need to prevent the disease from spreading from the affected establishments in Greece to other parts of that Member State or to other Member States, the amendments to be made to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 by this Decision should apply as soon as possible.
- (11) Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 applies until 30 November 2024. However, taking into account the current epidemiological situation in the Union as regards peste des petits ruminants virus, the period of application of that Implementing Decision should be prolonged until 31 December 2024.
- (12) 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

Amendments to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132

Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2132 is amended as follows:

1. Article 5 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 5

Application

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 2024.’;

2. the Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 6 August 2024.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

A. Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

Regional unit and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Greece referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Regional unit of Trikala <u>GR-PPR-2024-00001</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00002</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00003</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00004</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00006</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00007</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-000015</u>	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Trikala, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39.74240, Long. 21.5816 (2024/1), Lat. 39.74582, Long. 21.58346 (2024/2), Lat. 39.738997, Long. 21.58565 (2024/3), Lat. 39.73900Long. 21.58565 (2024/4), Lat.39.74907, Long.21.58515 (2024/6), Lat. 39.73803, Long.21.58583 (2024/7), Lat.39.61299, Long.21.94638 (2024/15)	18.8.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Trikala, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39.74240, Long. 21.5816 (2024/1), Lat. 39.74582, Long. 21.58346 (2024/2), Lat. 39.738997, Long. 21.58565 (2024/3), Lat. 39.73900 Long. 21.58565 (2024/4), Lat.39.74907, Long.21.58515 (2024/6), Lat. 39.73803, Long.21.58583 (2024/7), Lat.39.61299, Long.21.94638 (2024/15), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	27.8.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Trikala, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39.74240, Long. 21.5816 (2024/1), Lat. 39.74582, Long. 21.58346 (2024/2), Lat. 39.738997, Long. 21.58565 (2024/3), Lat. 39.73900Long. 21.58565 (2024/4), Lat.39.74907, Long.21.58515 (2024/6), Lat. 39.73803, Long.21.58583 (2024/7), Lat.39.61299, Long.21.94638 (2024/15)	19.8.2024 –27.8.2024

Regional unit of Larisa <u>GR-PPR-2024-00005</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00008</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00009</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00010</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00011</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00012</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00013</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00014</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00016</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00018</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00019</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00020</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00021</u> <u>GR-PPR-2024-00022</u>	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Larisa, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39.80302, Long.22.09358 (2024/5), Lat.39.79371, Long 22.09587 (2024/8), Lat.39.78486, Long.22.09857 (2014/9), Lat.39.78106, Long. 22.09151 (2014/10), Lat.39.78088, Long.22.09469 (2024/11), Lat.39.72800, Long.22.14268 (2024/12), Lat.39.71114, Long.22.56483 (2024/13), Lat.39.71725, Long.22.55791 (2024/14), Lat 39.75311, Long.22.53438 (2024/16), Lat. 39.73416 Long. 22.39829 (2024/18), Lat 39.70568, Long. 22.54803 (2024/19), Lat 39.72117, Long. 22.55795 (2024/20), Lat 39.71224, Long. 22.55537 (2024/21), Lat 39.72519, Long. 22.55152 (2024/22)	28.8.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Larisa, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39.80302, Long.22.09358 (2024/5), Lat.39.79371, Long 22.09587 (2024/8), Lat.39.78486, Long.22.09857 (2014/9), Lat.39.78106, Long.22.09151 (2014/10), Lat.39.78088, Long.22.09469 (2024/11), Lat.39.72800, Long.22.14268 (2024/12), Lat.39.71114, Long.22.56483 (2024/13), Lat.39.71725, Long.22.55791 (2024/14), Lat 39.75311, Long.22.53438 (2024/16), Lat. 39.73416 Long. 22.39829 (2024/18), Lat 39.70568, Long. 22.54803 (2024/19), Lat 39.72117, Long. 22.55795 (2024/20), Lat 39.71224, Long. 22.55537 (2024/21), Lat 39.72519, Long. 22.55152 (2024/22) excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	6.9.2024

	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Larisa, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39.80302, Long.22.09358 (2024/5), Lat.39.79371, Long 22.09587 (2024/8), Lat.39.78486, Long.22.09857 (2014/9), Lat.39.78106, Long.22.09151 (2014/10), Lat.39.78088, Long.22.09469 (2024/11), Lat.39.72800, Long.22.14268 (2024/12), Lat.39.71114, Long.22.56483 (2024/13), Lat.39.71725, Long.22.55791 (2024/14), Lat 39.75311, Long.22.53438 (2024/16), Lat. 39.73416 Long. 22.39829 (2024/18), Lat 39.70568, Long. 22.54803 (2024/19), Lat 39.72117, Long. 22.55795 (2024/20), Lat 39.71224, Long. 22.55537 (2024/21), Lat 39.72519, Long. 22.55152 (2024/22)	29.8.2024 –6.9.2024
Regional Unit of Corinthia <u>GR-PPR-2024-00017</u>	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Peloponnese, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 37.90655, Long. 22.32409 (2024/17)	28.8.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Peloponnese, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 37.90655, Long. 22.32409 (2024/17) excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	6.9.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Peloponnese, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 37.90655, Long. 22.32409 (2024/17)	29.8.2024 –6.9.2024
Regional unit of West Attica <u>GR-PPR-2024-00023</u>	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional units of West Attica and Boeotia, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 38.111862, Long. 23.54668 (2024/23)	28.8.2024

	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of West Attica and Boeotia, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 38.111862, Long. 23.54668 (2024/23) excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	6.9.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of West Attica and Boeotia, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 38.111862, Long. 23.54668 (2024/23)	29.8.2024 – 6.9.2024

B. Further restricted zone

Region	Areas included in the further restricted zone established in Greece as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Region of Thessaly	The following regional units: — Trikala — Larisa — Karditsa excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	6.9.2024
	The following regional units: — Trikala — Larisa — Karditsa	7.9.2024-6.10.2024
Region of Western Macedonia	The regional unit of Grevena	6.10.2024
Region of Attica	— The following regional units: — West Athens — West Attica — Piraeus — In the regional unit of East Attica, the following municipalities — Acharnes — Oropos excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	6.9.2024

	— The following regional units: — West Athens — West Attica — Piraeus — In the regional unit of East Attica, the following municipalities: — Acharnes — Oropos	7.9.2024-6.10.2024
Region of Central Greece	In the regional unit of Boeotia, the municipality of Tanagra, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	6.9.2024
	In the regional unit of Boeotia, the municipality of Tanagra.	7.9.2024-6.10.2024
Region of Peloponese	— In the regional unit of Corinthia, the following municipalities: — Sikyona — Xylokastro-Evrostina — In the regional unit of Arcadia, the municipal unit of Levidi — In the regional unit of Argolis, the municipal unit of Alea excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	6.9.2024
	— In the regional unit of Corinthia, the following municipalities: — Sikyona — Xylokastro-Evrostina — In the regional unit of Arcadia, the municipal unit of Levidi — In the regional unit of Argolis, the municipal unit of Alea	7.9.2024-6.10.2024
	In the regional unit of Achaea the following municipal units: — Aigeira — Akrata — Kleitoria excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	6.9.2024
	In the regional unit of Achaea the following municipal units: — Aigeira — Akrata — Kleitoria	7.9.2024-6.10.2024
Region of Western Greece	In the regional unit of Achaea the following municipal units: — Aigeira — Akrata — Kleitoria	7.9.2024-6.10.2024