

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 May 2003

approving the plan for the eradication of classical swine fever in feral pigs in certain areas of Belgium

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(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/363/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2001/89/EC of 23 October 2001 on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever (1), and in particular Article 16(1), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In November 2002 classical swine fever was confirmed in the feral pig population in Belgium.
- (2) In the light of the epidemiological situation, Belgium has submitted a plan for the eradication of classical swine fever in feral pigs in the concerned areas of Belgium.
- (3) The submitted plan has been examined and found to comply with the provisions of Directive 2001/89/EC and should therefore be approved.
- (4) For the sake of transparency it is appropriate to indicate in the present Decision the geographical areas of Belgium where the eradication plan shall be implemented.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The plan submitted by Belgium for the eradication of classical swine fever in feral pigs in the areas referred to in the Annex is approved.

Article 2

Belgium shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the plan referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 14 May 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The territory of Belgium located in-between:

- the motorway E40 (A3) from the border with Germany until the cross with road N68,
 - then, the road N68 in the southern direction, at Eupen continuing into the Aachenerstraße until the cross with the Paveestraße,
 - then, the Paveestraße until the cross with the Kirchstraße,
 - then, the Kirchstraße, continuing into the Bergstraße and the Neustraße until the cross with the road Olengraben,
 - then, the road Olengraben, continuing into the Haasstraße until the cross with the Malmedystraße,
 - then, the Malmedystraße, continuing into the road N68 in the southern direction until the cross with the road N62,
 - then, the road N62 in the eastern and the southern direction until the cross with motorway E42 (A27),
 - then, the motorway E42 (A27) until the border with Germany.
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