

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 December 2004

amending Decision 2003/828/EC as regards movements of animals from and inside a restricted zone in Spain and Portugal, in relation to outbreaks of bluetongue in Spain

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/898/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Decision 2003/828/EC is amended as follows:

in Annex I, zone F is replaced by the following:

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/75/EC of 20 November 2000 laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 8(2)(d) and 9(1)(c) and Article 12 thereof,

'Zone F

SPAIN:

— Province of Cádiz, Málaga, Sevilla, Huelva, Córdoba, Cáceres, Badajoz,

Whereas:

— Province of Jaen (comarcas of Jaen and Andujar)

(1) Commission Decision 2004/762/EC⁽²⁾ has amended Decision 2003/828/EC of 25 November 2003 on protection and surveillance zones in relation to bluetongue⁽³⁾ by establishing a restricted zone (zone F) corresponding to the bluetongue situation prevailing in Spain.

— Province of Toledo (comarcas of Oropesa, Talavera de la Reina, Belvis de Jara and Los Navalmorales),

(2) New epidemiological, ecological and geographical data allow to exclude certain Spanish regions from this restricted zone.

— Province of Ciudad Real (comarcas of Horcajo de los Montes, Piedrabuena, Almadén and Almodóvar del Campo).

(3) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

PORTUGAL:

— Regional Direction of Agriculture of Alentejo: *concelhos* of Niza, Castelo de Vide, Marvão, Ponte de Sôr, Crato, Portalegre, Alter-do-Chão, Avis, Mora, Sousel, Fronteira, Monforte, Arronches, Campo Maior, Elvas, Arraiolos, Estremoz, Borba, Vila Viçosa, Alandroal, Redondo, Évora, Portel, Reguengos de Monsaraz, Mourão, Moura, Barrancos; Mértola, Serpa, Beja, Vidigueira, Ferreira do Alentejo, Cuba, Alvito, Viana, Montemor-o-Novo, Vendas Novas, Alcácer do Sal (East of A2, the *freguesias* of Santa Susana, Santiago and Torrão) Gavião (*freguesias* of Gavião, Atalaia, Margem and Comenda);

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 74.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 337, 13.11.2004, p. 70.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 311, 27.11.2003, p. 41.

— Regional Direction of Agriculture of Ribatejo e Oeste: *concelhos* of Montijo (*freguesias* of Canha, S. Isidoro de Pegões and Pegões), Coruche, Salvaterra de Magos, Almeirim, Alpiarça, Chamusca, (*freguesias* of Pinheiro Grande, Chamusca, Ulme, Vale de Cavalos, Chouto and Parreira), Constância (*freguesia* of Sta Margarida de Coutada), Abrantes (*freguesias* of Tramagal, S. Miguel do Rio Torto, Rossio ao Sul do Tejo, Pego, Concovoadas, Alvega, S. Facundo, Vale das Mós and Bemposta).'

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 27 December 2004.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 2004.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission
