

COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 February 2006

amending Decision 2005/393/EC as regards the restricted zones in relation to bluetongue in Spain and Portugal

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/64/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

In Annex I to Decision 2005/393/EC, the lists of restricted zones in Zone E, which relate to Spain and Portugal, are 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 Article 8(2)(d), Article 8(3) and the third paragraph of Article 19 thereof,

‘Spain:

Whereas:

— Province of Cádiz, Málaga, Sevilla, Huelva, Córdoba, Cáceres, Badajoz, Toledo and Ciudad Real

(1) Directive 2000/75/EC lays down control rules and measures to combat bluetongue in the Community, including the establishment of protection and surveillance zones and a ban on animals leaving those zones.

— Province of Jaen (comarcas of Jaen, Andujar, Alcala la Real, Huelma, Linares, Santiesteban del Puerto, Ubeda)

(2) Commission Decision 2005/393/EC of 23 May 2005 on protection and surveillance zones in relation to bluetongue and conditions applying to movements from or through these zones⁽²⁾ provides for the demarcation of the global geographic areas where protection and surveillance zones (the restricted zones) are to be established by the Member States in relation to bluetongue.

— Province of Avila (comarcas de Arenas de San Pedro, Candelada, Cebreros, Las Navas del Marques, Navaluenga, Sotillo de la Adrada)

(3) Spain and Portugal have informed the Commission that serotype 4 virus has been detected as circulating in a number of peripheral areas of restricted Zone E.

— Province of Salamanca (comarcas of Bejar, Ciudad Rodrigo and Sequeros)

(4) Consequently, those restricted zones should be extended, taking account of the data available on the ecology of the vector and the development of its seasonal activity.

— Province of Madrid (comarcas of Aranjuez, El Escorial, Grinon, Navalcarnero and San Martin de Valdeiglesias)

(5) Decision 2005/393/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

‘Portugal:

— Regional Direction of Agriculture of Algarve: all *concelhos*

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

— Regional Direction of Agriculture of Alentejo: all *concelhos*

— Regional Direction of Agriculture of Ribatejo e Oeste: *concelhos* of Almada, Barreiro, Moita, Seixal, Sesimbra, Montijo, Coruche, Setúbal, Palmela, Alcochete, Benavente, Salvaterra de Magos, Almeirim, Alpiarça, Chamusca, Constância, Abrantes and Sardoal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 74.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 130, 24.5.2005, p. 22. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/828/EC (OJ L 311, 26.11.2005, p. 37).

— Regional Direction of Agriculture of Beira Interior: *concelhos* of Penamacor, Fundão, Oleiros, Sertã, Vila de Rei, Idanha a Nova, Castelo Branco, Proença-a-nova, Vila Velha de Rodao and Mação.’

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 7 February 2006.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 February 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission
