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URGENT FAX - (28/07/2014)

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Subject: Written Procedure - Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU as regards the areas in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia under restriction for African swine fever (Doc SANCO/7075/2014)

Message:

The Commission intends to adopt an implementing decision amending current regionalisation for African swine fever (ASF) laid down in Commission Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU. This follows its latest amendment by Commission Implementing Decision 2014/448/EU which was voted by the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on its meeting of 4 July 2014.

The amendments currently proposed relate to the areas covered in the different parts of the Annex to Decision 2014/178/EU to adapt the regionalised areas to the evolution of the epidemiological situation in Lithuania and Latvia. This requires establishing a new area on the eastern border to Lithuania, to adapt the already existing regionalisation in the eastern part of Latvia and to setup a new restricted area that covers both Latvia and Estonia. The definition of the type of area (Part I, II or III) is related to the level of risk that it presents for EU. The currently proposed amendments have already been discussed and agreed with the concerned Member States. For information purposes only, please find attached an indicative map showing the changes from the current situation.

Due to time constraints and in order to avoid convening a special meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed for one item, I would like to use the possibility of a written procedure as foreseen in Article 8 of the standard rules of procedure of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.

Please find attached document SANCO/7075/2014 on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU as regards the areas in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia under restriction for ASF.

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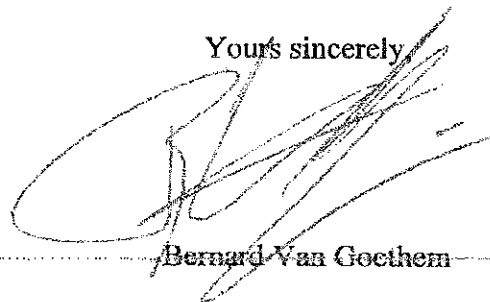
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I look forward to your co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Bernard Van Goethem

cc: H. Vassallo (Cabinet Commissioner Borg), P. Testori Coggi, B. Gautrais, M. Valletta, M. Scannell, T. Gumbel, A. Iaddomada, C. Bertrand, L. Terzi, E. Strickland, F. Reviriego Gordejo, F. Berlingieri (SANCO).

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amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU as regards
the areas in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia under restriction for African swine fever

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ANNEX

The Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU is amended as follows:

(1) Part I is amended as follows:

(a) the entry for Latvia is replaced by the following:

“3. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

The whole of the novads of Mazsalaca.

The whole of the novads of Aloja.

The whole of the novads of Kocēni.

The whole of the novads of Priekule.

The whole of the novads of Rauna.

The whole of the novads of Smiltene.

The whole of the novads of Ape.

In the novads of Ludza the pagasti of Cirma, Pureņi, Ņukši, Isnauda, Pilda, Nirza and Brīgi.

The whole of the novads of Cēbla.

In the novads of Rēzekne the pagasti of Stoļerova, Grīškāni, Čornaja, Lūznava, Malta, Feimaņi, Silmala, Ozolaine, Ozolmuiža and Sakstagala.

In the novads of Viļāni the pagasti of Sokolki and Viļāni.

In the novads of Riebiņi the pagasti of Riebiņi, Rušona, Silajāpi, Galēni and Stabulnīcki.

The whole of the novads of Preiļi.

In the novads of Līvāni the pagasts of Sūri.

The whole of the novads of Vārkava.

In the novads of Daugavpils the pagasti of Dubna, Višķi, Ambeli, Bīķernieku, Naujene, Saliēna, Vecsaliēna, Skrudaliēna, Demene, Laucesa, Tābore, Maļinova, Kalupe and Vabole.”

(b) the following entry for Estonia is added:

“4. Estonia

The following areas in Estonia:

In the maakond of Viljandi the vald of Karksi.

In the maakond of Valga the vald of Põdrala, Helme, Puka, Hummuli, Ōru, Palupera, Otepää, Tõlliste, Karula, Taheva and Sangaste and the linn of Valga and Tõrva.

In the maakond of Võru the vald of Urvaste, Antsla, Mõniste and Varstu.”

(c) the entry for Lithuania is replaced by the following:

“1. Lithuania

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The following areas in Lithuania:

In the apskritis of Marijampolė the district municipalities of Kalvarija, Marijampolė, Kazlų and Rūda.

In the apskritis of Kaunas the district municipalities of Prienai and Birštonas.

In the apskritis of Vilnius the district municipalities of Trakai, Elektrėnai, Vilnius-city municipality, Vilnius and Švenčionys.

In the apskritis of Utena the district municipalities of Molėtai, Utena, Zarasai and Visaginas.”

(2) In Part II, the entry for Latvia is replaced by the following one:

“3. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

The whole of the novads of Naukšēni.

The whole of the novads of Rūjiena.

The whole of the novads of Burtnieki.

~~The whole of the novads of Valtka.~~

The whole of the novads of Strenči.

The whole of the novads of Beverīna.”

(3) Part III is replaced by the following:

“PART III

1. Italy

The following areas in Italy:

All areas of Sardinia.

2. Latvia

The following areas in Latvia:

The whole of the novads of Zilupe.

In the novads of Ludza the pagasti of Rundēni and Istra.

In the novads of Rēzekne the pagasti of Puša, Mākonkalns and Kaunata.

The whole of the novads of Dagda.

The whole of the novads of Aglona.

The whole of the novads of Krāslava.

3. Lithuania

The following area in Lithuania:

In the apskritis of Utena the district municipality of Ignalina.”

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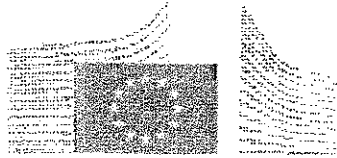
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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 market¹, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market², and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 15 December 2002 laying down animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption³, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU⁴ lays down animal health control measures in relation to African swine fever in certain Member States. The Annex to that Decision demarcates and lists certain areas differentiated by the level of risk based on the epidemiological situation. That list includes certain areas of Italy, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia.
- (2) Since 26 June 2014, the presence of African swine fever has been identified in feral pigs and domestic pigs in Latvia. The likely source of the introduction of African swine fever virus is from neighbouring third countries that have reported the occurrence of that disease. Several outbreaks in domestic pigs were reported near the Latvian border with third countries and cases in feral pigs were found in the same area, up to 30 kilometers from that border. In addition, one outbreak in domestic pigs and two cases in feral pigs were reported in Latvia near the Estonian border. New findings

¹ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

² OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

³ OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU of 27 March 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (OJ L 95, 29.3.2014, p. 47).

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were also reported by Lithuania, notably one outbreak in a pig holding in the Eastern part of the country.

- (3) The evolution of current epidemiological situation should be considered in the assessment of the risk represented by the animal health situation in Lithuania, Latvia and in neighbouring third countries. In order to focus animal health control measures and to prevent the spread of that disease as well as to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade by third countries, the Union list of areas subject to the animal health control measures provided for in Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU should be amended and take into account the current animal health situation as regards that disease in Lithuania and Latvia.
- (4) It is therefore necessary to amend the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU to include the relevant areas of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.
- (5) Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) 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 2014/178/EU is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

Tonio BORG

Member of the Commission

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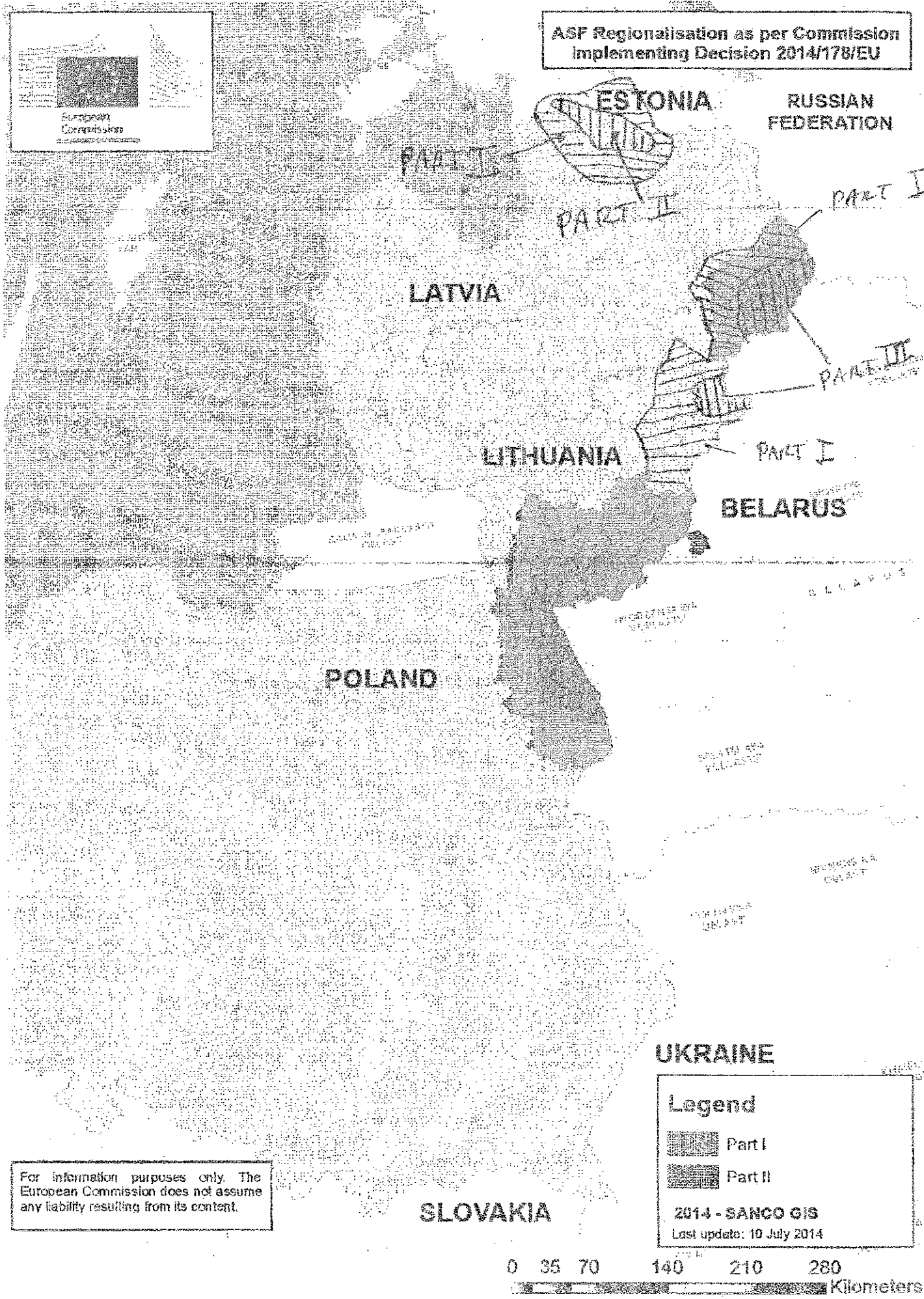
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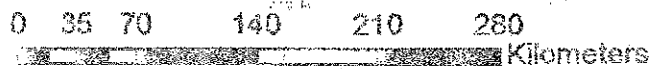
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