

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2019/1399****of 10 September 2019****amending Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU as regards the list of areas subject to protective measures in relation to small hive beetle in Italy***(notified under document C(2019) 6418)***(Only the Italian 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 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 market <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 9(4) thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary checks applicable in intra-Union trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU <sup>(3)</sup> established certain protective measures to be taken by Italy following the occurrences of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in certain areas, originally in the regions of Calabria and Sicily. Following epidemiological developments in the past years and following the entry into force of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/370 <sup>(4)</sup>, those measures are currently limited to the region of Calabria.
- (2) On 21 June 2019 Italy notified the Commission of a new occurrence of small hive beetle in Sicily. As a consequence, the list of areas subject to the protective measures provided for in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU should be extended to include the region of Sicily again.
- (3) Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) 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 table in the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU is replaced by the following:

Member State	Areas subject to protective measures
Italy	Region of Calabria: whole Region
	Region of Sicily: whole Region'

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU of 12 December 2014 concerning certain protective measures with regard to confirmed occurrences of the small hive beetle in Italy (OJ L 359, 16.12.2014, p. 161).<sup>(4)</sup> Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/370 of 1 March 2017 amending Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU by extending the period of application of certain protective measures and amending the list of areas subject to protective measures in relation to small hive beetle in Italy (OJ L 56, 3.3.2017, p. 213).

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 10 September 2019.

*For the Commission*  
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