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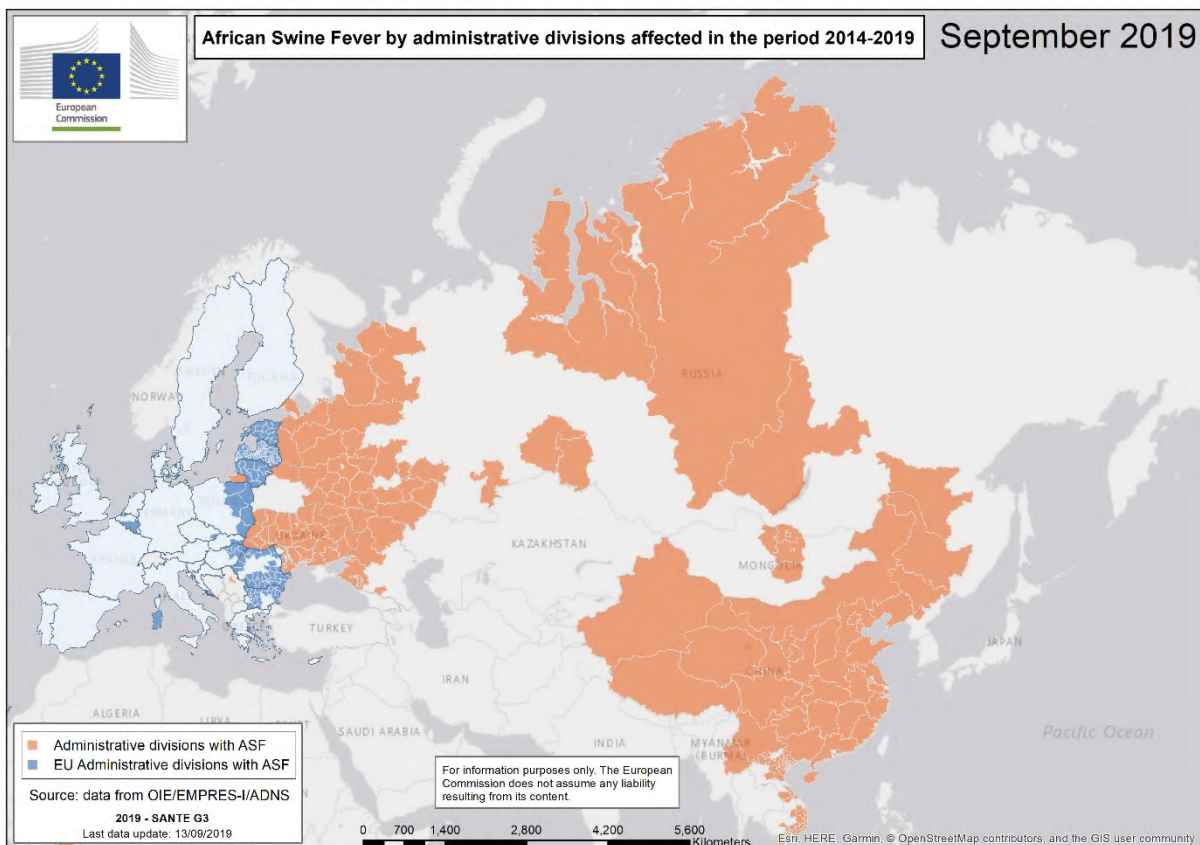
From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: African swine fever: state of play
- *Information from the Commission*

Delegations will find in Annex an information note from the Commission on the above mentioned subject to be raised under "Any other business" at the session of the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 14 – 15 October 2019.

African swine fever: state of play

1. Since the last discussion on African swine fever took place in the AGRIFISH Council of July 2019, the disease continued to spread due to the peak of the disease during the summer season.
2. Since 15 July 2019:
 - around 1000 outbreaks were confirmed in Romania in domestic pig holdings;
 - more than 25 outbreaks were confirmed in Bulgaria in domestic pig holdings (including 6 outbreaks in big commercial farms with 120.830 pigs in total);
 - the first outbreak in domestic pigs was confirmed in July 2019 in Slovakia;
 - first outbreaks in domestic pigs were confirmed in August 2019 in Serbia;
 - the disease continued to spread in Asia in an uncontrolled and rapid manner and has now reached the Philippines and South Korea.
3. Since July 2019 the Commission:
 - adopted two Implementing Decisions addressing the situation in Slovakia;
 - reviewed nine times the African swine fever regionalisation measures (Annex of Commission Implementing Decision [2014/709/EU](#));
 - dispatched urgent missions of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team to Bulgaria (22-25 July), Slovakia (26-28 August) and Serbia (14-16 August).

4. The 14th meeting of the Standing group of experts on African swine fever in Europe was organised under the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases [a joint initiative of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)] in Sofia on 10-11 September, with the participation of Commissioner Andriukaitis. The meeting focused on data collection and outbreak investigation. A high-level Ministerial meeting on African swine fever also took place in Sofia on 10 September 2019, where the need to ensure a multi-sectorial and effective cross-border cooperation in order to address the current serious ASF threat to the Balkan countries was stressed¹.
5. The Commission invites all Member States to remain vigilant and well-prepared with the objective of both to efficiently prevent and control the spreading of African swine fever.



¹ https://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/Regprog/docs/docs/SGE%20ASF14/D1_18_Statement_ministerial_session_final.pdf