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OGGETTO: new outbreaks of *Aethina tumida* outside the protection zone of Gioia Tauro in Calabria Region

The 25th of July the IZS confirmed the presence *Aethina tumida*'s adults in an apiary located in the Municipality of Grimaldi-Cosenza Province – Calabria region.

The apiary where the outbreak was discovered was not registered in the national database and therefore not known by the official veterinary services.

Epidemiological investigation carried out after the suspicion, led to identification of other 5 apiaries owned by the same beekeeper.

Clinical controls in those apiaries led to confirm 3 more outbreaks one of them with larvae all of them located in three kilometer radius from the primary case.

Ministry of health of Italy has ordered the destruction of all the infested apiaries; a protection zone of ten kilometers radius with a total ban of apiaries movements and clinical controls in all the apiaries located in one km radius.

In regard to the latter controls no other cases has been confirmed in the apiaries controlled so far.

The primary outbreak is about 100 km from the protection zone of Gioia Tauro established in September 2014 after the first identification of *Aethina tumida*.

Epidemiological investigation is under way to ascertain the origin of introduction in the primary outbreak of Grimaldi and the other connected apiaries.

We will keep you informed of the results of the other clinical controls within the 1 km zone.

Kind regards

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