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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2024/2660

of 7 October 2024

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece

(notified under document C(2024) 7090)

(Only the Greek 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 Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 259(1) point (c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Sheep pox and goat pox is an infectious viral disease affecting caprine and ovine animals and it can have a severe impact on the concerned animal population and the profitability of farming causing disturbance to movements of consignments of those animals and products thereof within the Union and exports to third countries.
- (2) In the event of an outbreak of sheep pox and goat pox in caprine or ovine animals, there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments of caprine or ovine animals.
- (3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 ⁽²⁾ supplements the rules for the control of the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and defined as category A, B and C diseases in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 ⁽³⁾. In particular, Articles 21 and 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 provide for the establishment of a restricted zone in the event of an outbreak of a category A disease, including sheep pox and goat pox, and for certain measures to be applied therein. In addition, Article 21(1) of that Delegated Regulation provides that the restricted zone is to comprise a protection zone, a surveillance zone, and, if necessary, further restricted zones around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.
- (4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 ⁽⁴⁾ was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and it lays down certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece. More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 provides that the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones to be established by that Member State, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, following outbreaks of that disease are to comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.
- (5) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207, Greece has notified the Commission of additional outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox in establishments where ovine and caprine animals were kept. As a result, the Annex to that Implementing Decision was duly amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2498 ⁽⁵⁾, to take account of those additional outbreaks.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 64, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 of 3 December 2018 on the application of certain disease prevention and control rules to categories of listed diseases and establishing a list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those listed diseases (OJ L 308, 4.12.2018, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/1882/oj).

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 of 29 August 2024 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece (OJ L 2024/2207, 30.8.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2207/oj).

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2498 of 19 September 2024 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece (OJ L 2024/2498, 24.9.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2498/oj).

- (6) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2498 Greece has notified the Commission of twenty five new outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox in establishments where ovine and caprine animals are kept, twenty one in the regional unit of Evros, one in the regional unit of Rhodopi, one in the regional unit of Serres and two in the regional unit of Kavala. All those new outbreaks are located within the limits of the perimeters of protection, surveillance and further restricted zones that were already established as a result of previous outbreaks in the same areas, except for the outbreaks in the regional units of Serres and Rhodopi.
- (7) Therefore, the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zones for Greece in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 should be further adjusted in order to prevent the further spread of the disease in Greece and to the rest of the Union, and the duration of the measures to be applied therein should be adjusted. Accordingly, it is necessary to amend the list of restricted zones and the duration of the measures to be applied therein set out in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.
- (8) The size of the zones and duration of the measures to apply in the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones should be based on the criteria set out in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and the rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, including the epidemiological situation as regards sheep pox and goat pox in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of sheep pox and goat pox in the Member State concerned by that disease as well as the level of risk for the further spread of the disease. The duration of the measures should also take into account the international standards of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). In the current situation, there is high risk of further spread of the disease, in particular due to the fact that, according to the information provided by the competent authority, in the regional unit Evros a total number of twenty one new outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox have occurred in six days, the outbreaks in the regional unit of Kavala are the second and third one in the same area, more than forty kilometres away from the first one, while outbreaks in the regional units of Rhodopi and Serres are reported for the first time, suggesting that the disease tends both to persist and cover long distances.
- (9) Taking into account the current epidemiological situation in the Union as regards sheep pox and goat pox, the period of application of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 should be extended, and it should apply until 28 February 2025.
- (10) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of sheep pox and goat pox and the need to prevent the disease from spreading from the affected establishments in Greece to other parts of that Member State or to other Member States, the amendments to be made to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 by this Decision should apply as soon as possible.
- (11) 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

Amendments to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207

Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 is amended as follows:

1. Article 4 is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

Application

This Decision shall apply until 28 February 2025.;

2. the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7 October 2024.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

A. Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

Regional unit and ADIS reference number of the outbreaks	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Greece referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
Regional unit of Evros GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00005 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00006 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00007 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00008 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00009 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00010 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00011 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00012 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00013 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00014 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00015 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00016 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00017 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00018 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00019 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00020 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00021 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00022 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00023 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00024 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00025 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00026 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00027 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00028 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00029 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00030 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00031 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00032 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00033 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00034 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00036 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00037 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00038 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00040 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00041 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00042 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00043 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00044 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00045 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00046 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00047 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00048 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00049 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00050 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00051 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00052 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00053 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00054 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00056 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00057 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00058	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Evros, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.49961111, Long. 26.54605556 (2024/5), Lat. 40.96145278, Long. 26.3345 (2024/6), Lat. 40.94543, Long. 26.275696 (2024/7), Lat. 40.876278, Long. 26.202551 (2024/8), Lat. 40.952487, Long. 26.280721 (2024/9), Lat. 40.920725, Long. 26.205981 (2024/10), Lat. 41.024363, Long. 26.302547 (2024/11), Lat. 41.51720278, Long. 26.54510278 (2024/12), Lat. 40.959944, Long. 26.336306 (2024/13), Lat. 40.93578, Long. 26.213778 (2024/14), Lat. 40.895996, Long. 26.222777 (2024/15), Lat. 40.900261, Long. 26.22288 (2024/16), Lat. 40.891842, Long. 26.146147 (2024/17), Lat. 40.933886, Long. 26.217318 (2024/18), Lat. 40.92507, Long. 26.212431 (2024/19), Lat. 41.278291, Long. 26.276953 (2024/20), Lat. 40.883228, Long. 26.157055 (2024/21), Lat. 40.923486, Long. 26.213196 (2024/22), Lat. 40.922552, Long. 26.209702 (2024/23), Lat. 40.925647, Long. 26.1662 (2024/24), Lat. 40.883022, Long. 26.227036 (2024/25), Lat. 40.904757, Long. 26.178189 (2024/26), Lat. 40.848411, Long. 26.203314 (2024/27), Lat. 41.019251, Long. 26.269386 (2024/28), Lat. 41.48359444, Long. 26.57411944 (2024/29), Lat. 41.49358333, Long. 26.54305556 (2024/30), Lat. 41.51486111, Long. 26.54725 (2024/31), Lat. 40.89917, Long. 26.186411 (2024/32), Lat. 40.9941149, Long. 26.155657 (2024/33), Lat. 40.832839, Long. 26.131642 (2024/34), Lat. 41.033936, Long. 26.289506 (2024/36), Lat. 40.907284, Long. 26.211295 (2024/37), Lat. 40.878159, Long. 26.19378 (2024/38), Lat. 41.462289, Long. 26.567053 (2024/40), Lat. 41.300453, Long. 26.443197 (2024/41), Lat. 41.519144, Long. 26.310606 (2024/42), Lat. 40.945707, Long. 26.276123 (2024/43), Lat. 40.942757, Long. 26.126487 (2024/44), Lat. 40.887613, Long. 26.15199 (2024/45), Lat. 41.028801, Long.	25.10.2024

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Regional unit of Kavala GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00035 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00039 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00060	<u>Protection zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Kavala, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.855895, Long. 24.176609 (2024/35), Lat. 40.884672, Long. 24.663783 (2024/39), Lat. 40.9007455, Long. 24.66838316 (2024/60)	25.10.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the regional units of Kavala and Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.855895, Long. 24.176609 (2024/35), Lat. 40.884672, Long. 24.663783 (2024/39), Lat. 40.9007455, Long. 24.66838316 (2024/60), excluding the areas contained in any protection zone	3.11.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Kavala, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.855895, Long. 24.176609 (2024/35), Lat. 40.884672, Long. 24.663783 (2024/39), Lat. 40.9007455, Long. 24.66838316 (2024/60)	26.10.2024-3.11.2024

Regional unit of Serres GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00055	<u>Protection zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.02794, Long. 23.704541 (2024/55),	25.10.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.02794, Long. 23.704541 (2024/55), excluding the areas contained in any protection zone	3.11.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.02794, Long. 23.704541 (2024/55)	26.10.2024 – 3.11.2024
Regional unit of Rhodopi GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00059	<u>Protection zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.983496, Long. 25.421738 (2024/59)	24.10.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.983496, Long. 25.421738 (2024/59), excluding the areas contained in any protection zone	2.11.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the regional unit of Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. Lat. 40.983496, Long. 25.421738 (2024/59)	25.10.2024 – 2.11.2024

B. Further restricted zones

Regional unit	Areas included in the further restricted zones established in Greece as referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
Regional unit of Evros	The regional unit of Evros excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	3.11.2024
	The regional unit of Evros	4.11.2024 – 3.12.2024
Regional unit of Rhodopi	The regional unit of Rhodopi excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	2.11.2024
	The regional unit of Rhodopi	3.11.2024 – 3.12.2024
Regional unit of Kavala	The regional unit of Kavala excluding the municipality of Thasos and the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	21.10.2024
	The regional unit of Kavala excluding the municipality of Thasos	22.10.2024 – 3.12.2024
Regional unit of Serres	The municipalities of Amphipolis, Visaltia, Emmanouil Pappas, Serres and Nea Zichni, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	3.11.2024
	The municipalities of Amphipolis, Visaltia, Emmanouil Pappas, Serres and Nea Zichni	4.11.2024-3.12.2024
Regional unit of Drama	The municipality of Doxato	3.12.2024
Regional unit of Xanthi	The municipality of Topiros	3.12.2024