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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2024/2927

of 20 November 2024

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania

(notified under document C(2024) 8321)

(Only the Romanian 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) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus is an infectious 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 infection with peste des petits ruminants virus 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 infection with peste des petits ruminants virus, 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) 2024/2119 ⁽⁴⁾ was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and lays down certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania. More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 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.

⁽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) 2024/2119 of 29 July 2024 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania (OJ L 2024/2119, 30.7.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2119/oj).

- (5) After the adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119, Romania notified the Commission of additional outbreaks of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in establishments where ovine and caprine animals were kept. In addition, Romania notified the Commission of certain delays in the application of the disease control measures required to be applied in the event of official confirmation of an outbreak of a category A disease in kept terrestrial animals in an establishment. As a result, the Annex to that Implementing Decision has been duly amended to take account of those facts. Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2832 ⁽³⁾.
- (6) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2832, Romania has notified the Commission that all disease control measures required to be applied in the event of official confirmation of an outbreak of a category A disease in kept terrestrial animals in an establishment, laid down in Article 12 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, have been implemented for all outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants virus confirmed to date on its territory, including those in Timis county. In addition, since the beginning of the epidemic in Timis county, Romania has carried out disease surveillance in the area around these outbreaks, namely in the counties of Timis and Caras Severin, with negative results for infection with peste des petits ruminants virus.
- (7) Therefore, the size and duration of the measures to be applied in the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zones for Romania, in the county of Timis, in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 should be adjusted, taking into account the latest epidemiological data. 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 protection, surveillance and further restricted zones and the duration of the measures to be applied therein should be based on the criteria laid down 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 infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in the Member State concerned by that disease as well as the level of risk for its further spread. 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 epidemiological situation, the risk for further spread of the disease concerns only the protection and surveillance zone in relation to the last outbreak in the county of Timis. Accordingly, there is no longer a need for a further restricted zone around the same area.
- (9) In order to prevent unnecessary financial losses to the farming sector, the amendments to be made to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 by this Decision should apply as soon as possible.
- (10) 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) 2024/2119

The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2832 of 31 October 2024 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania (OJ L 2024/2832, 5.11.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2832/oj).

Article 2

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to Romania.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2024.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

County and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Romania referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
County of Timis RO-PPR-2024-00019 RO-PPR-2024-00061 RO-PPR-2024-00063 RO-PPR-2024-00064 RO-PPR-2024-00065 RO-PPR-2024-00066 RO-PPR-2024-00067	<u>Protection zone:</u> Those parts of the counties of Timis, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.280895, Long. 21.473979 (2024/61), Lat. 45.280971, Long. 21.460345 (2024/63), Lat. 45.279911, Long. 21.47413 (2024/64), Lat. 45.281111, Long. 21.471944 (2024/65), Lat. 45.280833, Long. 21.464167 (2024/66). Lat. 45.280274, Long. 21.472984 (2024/67).	23.11.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the counties of Timis and Caras-Severin, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.261807, Long. 21.451327 (2024/19) Lat. 45.280895, Long. 21.473979 (2024/61), Lat. 45.280971, Long. 21.460345 (2024/63), Lat. 45.279911, Long. 21.47413 (2024/64), Lat. 45.281111, Long. 21.471944 (2024/65), Lat. 45.280833, Long. 21.464167 (2024/66). Lat. 45.280274, Long. 21.472984 (2024/67) excluding the areas included in any protection zone.	2.12.2024
	<u>Surveillance zone:</u> Those parts of the counties of Timis and Caras-Severin, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.261807, Long. 21.451327 (2024/19) Lat. 45.280895, Long. 21.473979 (2024/61), Lat. 45.280971, Long. 21.460345 (2024/63), Lat. 45.279911, Long. 21.47413 (2024/64), Lat. 45.281111, Long. 21.471944 (2024/65), Lat. 45.280833, Long. 21.464167 (2024/66). Lat. 45.280274, Long. 21.472984 (2024/67).	24.11.2024 - 2.12.2024