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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2025/1160

of 5 June 2025

**concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria and repealing
Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948**

(notified under document C(2025) 3705)

(Only the Bulgarian 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) Sheep pox and goat pox is an infectious viral disease affecting caprine and ovine animals and 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 zone around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.
- (4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948 ⁽⁴⁾ was adopted, on 15 May 2025, within the framework of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and lays down certain interim emergency measures relating to infection with sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria applicable until 7 June 2025.
- (5) More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948 provides that the protection and surveillance zones to be established by that Member State, following an outbreak of infection with sheep pox and goat pox, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, 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) 2025/948 of 15 May 2025 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria (OJ L, 2025/948, 16.5.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/948/oj).

- (6) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948, Bulgaria has notified the Commission of two additional outbreaks of infection with sheep pox and goat pox in establishments where ovine and caprine animals are kept, located in the province of Haskovo.
- (7) In light of the epidemiological situation concerning sheep and goat pox in Bulgaria, and notably taking into account those two new outbreaks, the interim emergency measures foreseen in Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948 should be adjusted, both spatially and temporally, and continued in order to prevent the further spread of the disease in Bulgaria or to the rest of the Union. The updated list of areas where a restricted zone must be established in Bulgaria in respect of sheep and goat pox, as well as the envisaged duration of these zones, should, therefore, be set out in the Annex to this Decision.
- (8) The size of the protection and surveillance zones, and duration of the measures to be applied therein, are based on the criteria set out in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, 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, and are in accordance with the rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687. The duration of the measures also takes into account the international standards of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) ⁽⁷⁾.
- (9) Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948 should, therefore, be repealed and replaced by this Decision.
- (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

Bulgaria shall ensure that:

- (a) a restricted zone, which comprises protection and surveillance zones is established immediately by the competent authority of that Member State in accordance with Article 21 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, and under the conditions laid down in that Article;
- (b) the protection and surveillance zones referred to in point (a) comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex to this Decision;
- (c) the measures required to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones, are applied at least until the dates listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/948 is repealed.

⁽⁷⁾ <https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/terrestrial-code-online-access/>.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Done at Brussels, 5 June 2025.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

Region and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Bulgaria referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Region of Haskovo BG-CAPRIPOX-2025-00004 BG-CAPRIPOX-2025-00005	Protection zone: Those parts of the region of Haskovo, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.7231, Long. 26.3188 (2025/4), Lat. 41.7171, Long. 26.316 (2025/5).	18.6.2025
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the region of Haskovo, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.7231, Long. 26.3188 (2025/4), Lat. 41.7171, Long. 26.316 (2025/5), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	27.6.2025
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the region of Haskovo, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.7231, Long. 26.3188 (2025/4), Lat. 41.7171, Long. 26.316 (2025/5).	19.6.2025 - 27.6.2025
Region of Haskovo BG-CAPRIPOX-2025-00006	Protection zone: Those parts of the region of Haskovo, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 42.1161, Long. 26.182 (2025/6).	18.6.2025
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the region of Haskovo, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 42.1161, Long. 26.182 (2025/6), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	27.6.2025
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the region of Haskovo, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 42.1161, Long. 26.182 (2025/6).	19.6.2025-27.6.2025