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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2025/2663

of 23 December 2025

concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Croatia

(notified under document C(2025) 9239)

(Only the Croatian 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. In the event of an outbreak of peste des petits ruminants in caprine or ovine animals, there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments of caprine or ovine animals.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation 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 and a surveillance zone.
- (3) Croatia has informed the Commission of the current epidemiological situation as regards infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in its territory, following an outbreak of that disease in caprine and ovine animals in the municipality of Prgommet, in the Splitsko-Dalmatinska county, which was confirmed on 13 December 2025, and, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, it has established a restricted zone, which comprises protection and surveillance zones, where the disease control measures laid down in that Delegated Regulation are applied.
- (4) In order to control the spread of the disease, to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid any unjustified barriers to trade being imposed by third countries, it is necessary to rapidly identify at Union level the restricted zone, established by Croatia, for infection with peste des petits ruminants virus, which comprises the protection and surveillance zones.

⁽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).

- (5) The size of the protection and surveillance zones, and the duration of the measures to be applied therein, are based on the criteria set out in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and the rules laid down in Annexes X and XI to 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 as well as the level of risk for the further spread of that disease within that Member State and in the Union. Also, the duration of the measures provided for by this Decision has been determined in line with the international standards set out in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) ⁽⁴⁾.
- (6) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus and the need to prevent the disease spreading from the affected establishment in Croatia to other parts of that Member State or to other Member States, it is appropriate that the measures laid down in this Implementing Decision apply as soon as possible.
- (7) Accordingly, the restricted zone identified as protection and surveillance zones in Croatia should be established and listed in the Annex to this Decision and the duration of that regionalisation fixed.
- (8) 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

Croatia 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 therein;
- (b) the protection and the 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

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Croatia.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 2025.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁽⁴⁾ <https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/>.

ANNEX

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**AREAS ESTABLISHED AT UNION LEVEL AS RESTRICTED ZONES, COMPRISING OF
PROTECTION AND SURVEILLANCE ZONES IN CROATIA**

ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Area comprising:	Date until applicable
HR-PPR-2025-00001	Protection zone includes areas of: a) Splitsko dalmatinska županija — općina Prgomet, naselja Bogdanovići i Trolokve — općina Lečevica, naselja Divojevići, Kladnjice, Lečevica i Radošić	3.1.2026
HR-PPR-2025-00001	Surveillance zone includes areas of: a) Splitsko dalmatinska županija — Grad Kaštela, naselja Kaštel Gomilica, Kaštel Kambelovac, Kaštel Lukšić, Kaštel Novi, Kaštel Stari, Kaštel Sućurac i Kaštel Štafilić — općina Klis, naselja Brstanovo, Dugobabe, Konjsko, Koruše, Nisko, Prugovo, Veliki Bročanac i Vučevica — općina Marina, naselja Blizna Donja, Blizna Gornja, Dgrade, Gustirna, Mitlo, Najevi, Poljica, Pozorac, Rastovac, Vinovac i Vrsine — općina Muć, naselja Bračević, Crivac, Donje Ogorje, Donje Postinje, Donji Muć, Gizdovac, Gornje Ogorje, Gornje Postinje, Gornji Muć, Mala Milešina, Pribude, Radunić, Ramljane i Velika Milešina — općina Okrug, naselja Okrug Gornji i Okrug Donji — općina Prgomet, naselja Labin, Prgomet i Sitno — općina Primorski Dolac, naselje Primorski Dolac — općina Seget, naselja Bristivica, Ljubitovica, Prapatnica, Seget Donji, Seget Gornji i Seget Vranjica — Grad Solin, naselja Blaca i Solin — Grad Split, naselje Slatine — Grad Trogir, naselja Arbanija, Divulje, Mastrinka, Plano, Trogir i Žedno b) Šibensko kninska županija — Grad Drniš, naselja Kričke i Sedramić — općina Primošten, naselja Kruševo i Široke — općina Ružić, naselja Baljci, Čavoglave, Gradac, Kljake, Mirlović Polje, Moseć, Ružić i Umljanović — Grad Šibenik, naselja Boraja, Danilo, Danilo Kraljice, Lepenica, Mravnica, Perković, Podine, Sitno Donje, Slivno, Vrpole i Vrsno — općina Unešić, naselja Cera, Čvrljevo, Donje Planjane, Donje Utore, Donje Vinovo, Gornje Planjane, Gornje Vinovo, Gornje Utore, Koprno, Ljubostinje, Mirlović Zagora, Nevest, Ostrogašica, Podumci, Unešić i Visoka	15.1.2026
HR-PPR-2025-00001	Surveillance zone includes areas of: a) Splitsko dalmatinska županija — općina Prgomet, naselja Bogdanovići i Trolokve — općina Lečevica, naselja Divojevići, Kladnjice, Lečevica i Radošić	4.1.2026- 15.1.2026’