



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/128
of 15 January 2026
amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2663 concerning certain emergency measures relating
to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Croatia

(notified under document C(2026) 320)

(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 (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 and a surveillance zone.
- (3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2663 ⁽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 Croatia in response to an outbreak confirmed on 13 December 2025 in the municipality of Prgomet, in the Splitsko-Dalmatinska county. More specifically, Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2663 provides that the protection and surveillance zone to be established by that Member State, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 are to comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision. It also provides that the measures required to be applied in those zones are to be applied at least until the dates listed in that Annex.

⁽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) 2025/2663 of 23 December 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Croatia (OJ L, 2025/2663, 30.12.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/2663/oj).

- (4) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2663, Croatia has notified the Commission of three new outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants virus in establishments where ovine and caprine animals were kept. These outbreaks, which were reported between 20 December 2025 and 5 January 2026, concern the Splitsko-Dalmatinska and Zadarska counties.
- (5) In order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid any unjustified disruptions to trade being imposed by third countries, it is necessary to rapidly lay down at Union level, in collaboration with Croatia, the protection and surveillance zones established by that Member State, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687.
- (6) Therefore, the areas listed as protection and surveillance zones for Croatia in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2663, as well as the duration of the measures to be applied therein, should be amended to take account of the new outbreaks and of the boundaries of the protection and surveillance zones established by Croatia following the new outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants virus therein.
- (7) 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) ⁽⁵⁾.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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

The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2663 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Croatia.

Done at Brussels, 15 January 2026.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁽⁵⁾ <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 HR-PPR-2025-00002 HR-PPR-2026-00001	Protection zone includes areas of: Splitsko dalmatinska županija — općina Prgomet, naselja Bogdanovići i Trolokve — općina Lećevica, naselja Divojevići, Kladnjice, Lećevica i Radošić	27.1.2026
HR-PPR-2025-00001 HR-PPR-2025-00002 HR-PPR-2026-00001	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 Brštanovo, Dugobabe, Konjsko, Korušce, Nisko, Prugovo, Veliki Bročanac i Vučevica — općina Marina, naselja Blizna Donja, Blizna Gornja, Dograde, 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	8.2.2026
HR-PPR-2025-00001 HR-PPR-2025-00002 HR-PPR-2026-00001	Surveillance zone includes areas of: Splitsko dalmatinska županija — općina Prgomet, naselja Bogdanovići i Trolokve — općina Lećevica, naselja Divojevići, Kladnjice, Lećevica i Radošić	28.1.2026-8.2.2026
HR-PPR-2025-00003	Protection zone includes areas of: Zadarska županija — općina Gračac, naselja Glogovo, Gubavčevo Polje, Kijani, Omsica, Velika Popina i Vučipolje	17.1.2026

ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Area comprising:	Date until applicable
HR-PPR-2025-00003	Surveillance zone includes areas of: (a) Ličko senjska županija — općina Donji Lapac, naselja Brezovac Dobroselski, Dobroselo, Doljani i Gornji Lapac — općina Lovinac, naselja Ričice, Smokrić i Štikada — općina Udbina, naselja Komić, Ondić, Poljice i Visuć (b) Zadarska županija — Općina Gračac, naselja Begluci, Brotnja, Bruvno, Cerovac, Dabašnica, Deringaj, Donja Suvaja, Drenovac Osredački, Duboki Dol, Dugopolje, Gornja Suvaja, Grab, Gračac, Kaldrma, Kom, Kunovac Kupirovački, Kupirovo, Mazin, Nadvrelo, Neteka, Osredci, Otrić, Prljevo, Rastićevo, Rudopolje Bruvanjsko, Srb, Tiškovac Lički, Tomingaj, Zaklopac, Zrmanja i Zrmanja Vrelo — Grad Obrovac, naselja Golubić, Krupa, Muškovci i Nadvoda	29.1.2026
HR-PPR-2025-00003	Surveillance zone includes areas of: Zadarska županija — općina Gračac, naselja Glogovo, Gubavčevo Polje, Kijani, Omsica, Velika Popina i Vučipolje	18.1.2026- 29.1.2026'