



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/484
of 25 February 2026
concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus
(notified under document C(2026) 1391)
(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(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Foot and mouth disease is an infectious viral disease affecting animals of the mammal order of Artiodactyla 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. In the event of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in animals of the mammal order of Artiodactyla, there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments keeping susceptible 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 foot and mouth disease, 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) On 21 February 2026, Cyprus has informed the Commission of the current foot and mouth disease situation on its territory, following outbreaks of that disease in establishments keeping ruminant animals in the Larnaca district in Cyprus, which were confirmed on 20 February 2026. In accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, Cyprus has established restricted zones, which comprise protection and surveillance zones, where the disease control measures laid down in that Delegated Regulation are applied in order to prevent the further spread of that disease.
- (4) In order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade being imposed by third countries, it is necessary to rapidly identify at Union level the restricted zones for foot and mouth disease in Cyprus, which comprise the protection and surveillance zones, in collaboration with that Member State.

⁽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 duration of the measures to be applied therein, as established in accordance with Annexes X and XI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, must be based on the epidemiological situation as regards foot and mouth disease in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of foot and mouth disease in the Member State concerned as well as the level of risk for the further spread of that disease.
- (6) Accordingly, the areas identified as protection and surveillance zones in Cyprus should be set out in the Annex to this Decision, and the duration of that regionalisation fixed.
- (7) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of foot and mouth disease and the need to prevent the disease spreading from the affected establishment in Cyprus 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. This Decision is to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Cyprus shall establish restricted zones, which comprise protection and surveillance zones, in accordance with Article 21 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, where the measures required to be applied in protection and surveillance zones, are applied at least until the dates listed in the Annex.

The protection and surveillance zones shall comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2026.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

Member State	ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zones in Cyprus referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Cyprus	CY-FMD-2026-00001	Protection zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 34.973989, Long. 33.638938.	31.3.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 34.973989, Long. 33.638938, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	31.3.2026
Cyprus	CY-FMD-2026-00002	Protection zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 35.00599, Long. 33.65442.	31.3.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 35.00599, Long. 33.65442, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	31.3.2026
Cyprus	CY-FMD-2026-00003	Protection zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 35.007472, Long. 33.655528.	31.3.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 35.007472, Long. 33.655528, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone	31.3.2026