

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') (Text with EEA relevance)

PART I

GENERAL RULES

CHAPTER I

Subject matter, aim, scope and definitions

Article 1

Subject matter and aim

1 This Regulation lays down rules for the prevention and control of animal diseases which are transmissible to animals or to humans.

Those rules provide for:

- a the prioritisation and categorisation of diseases of Union concern and for the establishment of responsibilities for animal health (Part I: Articles 1 to 17);
- b the early detection, notification and reporting of diseases, surveillance, eradication programmes and disease-free status (Part II: Articles 18 to 42);
- c disease awareness, preparedness and control (Part III: Articles 43 to 83);
- d the registration and approval of establishments and transporters, movements and traceability of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin within the Union (Part IV: Articles 84 to 228; and Part VI: Articles 244 to 248 and 252 to 256);
- e the entry of animals, germinal products, and products of animal origin into the Union and the export of such consignments from the Union (Part V: Articles 229 to 243; and Part VI: Articles 244 to 246 and 252 to 256);
- f non-commercial movements of pet animals into a Member State from another Member State or from a third country or territory, (Part VI: Articles 244 to 256);
- g the emergency measures to be taken in the event of a disease emergency situation (Part VII: Articles 257 to 262).

2 The rules referred to in paragraph 1:

- a aim to ensure:
 - (i) improved animal health to support sustainable agricultural and aquaculture production in the Union;
 - (ii) the effective functioning of the internal market;
 - (iii) a reduction in the adverse effects on animal health, public health and the environment of:
 - certain diseases;
 - the measures taken to prevent and control diseases;

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- b take into account:
- (i) the relationship between animal health and:
 - public health;
 - the environment, including biodiversity and valuable genetic resources, as well as the impact of climate change;
 - food and feed safety;
 - animal welfare, including the sparing of any avoidable pain, distress or suffering;
 - antimicrobial resistance;
 - food security;
 - (ii) the economic, social, cultural and environmental consequences arising from the application of disease control and prevention measures;
 - (iii) relevant international standards.

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- Art. 17(1A) words substituted by [S.I. 2021/1273 reg. 8Sch. 2 para. \(t\)](#)