

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 (Text with EEA relevance)

PART II

**TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS**

*CHAPTER II*

***Disease control measures for category A diseases  
of kept terrestrial animals in the restricted zones***

*Section 3*

***Disease control measures in the surveillance zone***

*Article 40*

**Measures to be applied in establishments in the surveillance zone**

The competent authority shall order the application, without delay, of the measures provided for in Article 25 in all the establishments in the surveillance zone keeping animals of listed species.

*Article 41*

**Visits by the official veterinarians in establishments in the surveillance zone**

The competent authority shall ensure that official veterinarians carry out visits to a sample of establishments keeping animals of listed species in the surveillance zone in accordance with Article 26 and point A.3 of Annex I.

*Article 42*

**Prohibitions in relation to activities, including movements, concerning  
animals, products and other material within, from or to the surveillance zone**

The competent authority shall apply prohibitions, exemptions and derogations to activities, including movements concerning animals of listed species, the products thereof and other material, from and to the surveillance zone in accordance with Article 27.

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### Article 43

#### **General conditions for granting derogations from prohibitions provided for in Article 42**

1 By way of derogation from Article 42, the competent authority may authorise movements of animals and products only in the cases covered by Articles 44 to 52, under the specific conditions provided for in those Articles and the general conditions laid down in paragraphs 2 to 7 of this Article.

Prior to granting the authorisation, the competent authority shall assess the risks deriving from that authorisation. The assessment must indicate that the risk of spreading the category A disease is negligible.

2 All authorised movements shall be performed:

- a prioritising major highways or mainline railways;
- b avoiding the vicinity of establishments keeping animals of listed species; and
- c without unloading or stopping, until the unloading in the establishment of destination.

3 The competent authority of the establishment of origin shall designate the establishment of destination for movements from or to the surveillance zone. If the competent authority is not the same as in the establishment of destination, it shall inform the competent authority of the establishment of destination about such designation.

4 The competent authority of the establishment of origin shall verify that the establishment of destination agrees to be designated and to receive each consignment of animals or products.

5 When authorising movements of animals from the surveillance zone, the competent authority shall ensure that such movements do not pose a risk of spreading the category A disease based on:

- a a clinical examination with favourable results of animals kept in the establishment, including those animals to be moved;
- b if necessary, a laboratory examination with favourable results of animals kept in the establishment, including those animals to be moved; and
- c the outcome of the visits referred to in Article 41, if available.

6 When authorising the transport of products from the surveillance zone, the competent authority must ensure that:

- a during the whole production process and storage, products were clearly separated from products not eligible for dispatch outside the restricted zone pursuant this Regulation;
- b products will not be transported with products not eligible for dispatch outside the restricted zone pursuant this Regulation.

7 When granting derogations provided for in paragraph 1, the competent authority shall ensure that supplementary biosecurity measures are applied from the moment of loading, during all transport operations and until the unloading in the designated establishment of destination in accordance with its instructions.

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#### Article 44

##### **Specific conditions for authorising movements for slaughter of kept animals of listed species within, from and to the surveillance zone**

- 1 The competent authority may authorise movements of kept animals of listed species originating in the surveillance zone to a slaughterhouse located:
  - a as near as possible to the establishment of origin, within the restricted zone; or
  - b outside the restricted zone, as near as possible to the surveillance zone, when it is not possible to slaughter the animals in the restricted zone, and after carrying out a risk assessment.
- 2 The meat obtained from animals referred to in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the measures provided for in Article 49.
- 3 The competent authority may authorise movements of kept animals of listed species originating outside the surveillance zone to a slaughterhouse situated in the surveillance zone.
- 4 The competent authority may authorise the processing and use of animal by-products, obtained from animals slaughtered in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 as category 3 material in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 in a plant approved for processing or disposal of animal by-products, located on their territory, or in another Member State, where it is not feasible to process or dispose them in an approved plant in the territory of the Member State where the outbreak occurred.

In case the animal by-products referred to in the first subparagraph are moved to a plant located in another Member State, the Member State of destination and the Member States of passage shall authorise such dispatch and the competent authority of destination shall authorise the processing and use of those animal by-products as category 3 material in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.

#### Article 45

##### **Specific conditions for authorising certain movements of kept ungulates of listed species from establishments in the surveillance zone**

- 1 The competent authority may authorise the movement of kept ungulates of listed species to pastures situated within the surveillance zone, provided that:
  - a a period of 15 days has elapsed after the preliminary cleaning and disinfection referred to in Article 15 has been completed and approved; and
  - b the animals do not come into contact with animals of listed species from other establishments.
- 2 The competent authority may, after carrying out a risk assessment, authorise the movement of kept animals of listed species of ungulates to an establishment belonging to the same supply chain, located in or outside the surveillance zone, to complete the production cycle before slaughter. If the establishment of destination is located outside the surveillance zone, the competent authority shall apply in that establishment the measures provided for in Articles 40, Article 41 and Article 42 as long as the disease control measures in the surveillance zone of origin are maintained as provided for in Article 55.

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#### Article 46

##### **Specific conditions for authorising certain movements of poultry from establishments located in the surveillance zone**

- 1 The competent authority may authorise movements of day-old chicks originating in the surveillance zone:
  - a to establishments in the same Member State where they were hatched from eggs originating from establishments within the surveillance zone, if:
    - (i) the establishment of destination is placed under official surveillance following the arrival of the animals; and
    - (ii) if moved outside the restricted zone, the animals remain in the establishments of destination for at least 21 days;
  - b to establishments in the same Member State where they were hatched from eggs originating outside the restricted zone, if the hatchery of dispatch can ensure that no contact has occurred between those eggs and any other hatching eggs or day-old chicks obtained from animals kept within the restricted zone.
- 2 The competent authority may authorise movements of ready-to-lay poultry from establishments in the surveillance zone to establishments in the same Member State, if:
  - a in the establishment of destination there is no other kept animal of listed species;
  - b the establishment of destination is placed under official surveillance following the arrival of the ready-to-lay poultry; and
  - c the poultry remain on the establishment of destination for at least 21 days.

#### Article 47

##### **Specific conditions for authorising certain movements of hatching eggs to and from establishments in the surveillance zone**

- 1 The competent authority may authorise movements of hatching eggs from an establishment located in the same Member State to:
  - a a hatchery located in the surveillance zone; or
  - b an establishment for in-house hatching located in the surveillance zone.
- 2 The competent authority may authorise movements of hatching eggs from an establishment located in the surveillance zone to a hatchery in the same Member State or to an establishment for in-house hatching located in the same Member State, only if the hatching eggs and their packaging are disinfected before dispatch and the tracing back of these eggs can be ensured.

#### Article 48

##### **Specific conditions for authorising movements of semen from approved germinal product establishments in the surveillance zone**

The competent authority may authorise movements of semen collected from animals of listed species kept in approved germinal product establishments, excluding hatcheries,

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located in the surveillance zone after the estimated date of earliest infection of the affected establishment provided that:

- (a) all the disease control measures relating to the relevant category A disease have been lifted in the surveillance zone in accordance with Article 55;
- (b) all the kept animals of listed species in the semen collection centre have undergone a clinical examination and have been sampled for laboratory examinations in order to rule out the presence of the category A disease in the semen collection centre;
- (c) the donor animal has been subjected with favourable results to a laboratory examination on a sample taken not earlier than seven days after the monitoring period set out in Annex II for the relevant disease, calculated forwards from the date on which the semen was collected.

#### *Article 49*

##### **Specific conditions for authorising movements of fresh meat and raw milk obtained from kept animals of listed species from establishments located in the surveillance zone**

1 The competent authority may authorise movements of fresh meat and raw milk obtained from animals of listed species kept in establishments located in the surveillance zone if, either:

- a the fresh meat or the raw milk is moved to a processing establishment to undergo one of the risk-mitigating treatments set out in Annex VII; or
- b the fresh meat is obtained from poultry.

2 The competent authority shall ensure that fresh meat and the raw milk moved pursuant paragraph 1(a), comply with the following:

- a fresh meat is marked in accordance with Annex IX when it is obtained in the slaughterhouse and keeps such mark until it is treated; and
- b the treatment is applied in an establishment situated in the same restricted zone or as near as possible of the restricted zone, which operates under the supervision of official veterinarians.

#### *Article 50*

##### **Specific conditions for authorising movements of eggs for human consumption from establishments in the surveillance zone**

1 The competent authority may authorise movements of eggs for human consumption from establishments in the surveillance zone to a packing centre located in the same Member State provided that they are packed in:

- a a disposable packaging; or
- b a packaging which can be cleaned and disinfected in such way as to destroy the category A disease agent.

2 The competent authority may authorise movements of eggs for human consumption from establishments located in the surveillance zone to an establishment for the manufacture of egg products located in the same Member State if:

- a the establishment for the manufacture of egg products complies with Chapter II of Section X of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004; and

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- b the eggs are moved to the establishment for the manufacture of egg products in order to be handled and treated in accordance with Chapter XI of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004.

#### *Article 51*

#### **Specific conditions for authorising movements of manure, including litter and used bedding, from establishments in the surveillance zone**

The competent authority may authorise the movement of manure, including litter and used bedding, from establishments located in the surveillance zone:

- (a) without processing, to a landfill, previously authorised for that purpose by the competent authority, located in the same surveillance zone; or
- (b) following processing, to a landfill, previously authorised for that purpose by the competent authority, located in the territory in the Member State.

#### *Article 52*

#### **Specific conditions for authorising the movement of feed materials of plant origin and straw from the surveillance zone**

The competent authority may authorise movements of feed materials of plant origin or straw produced in the surveillance zone provided that the feed materials or the straw:

- (a) were produced in locations not keeping animals of listed species, other than feed processing establishments;
- (b) were produced in feed processing establishments not keeping animals of listed species and the raw plant material originates:
  - (i) from locations referred to in paragraph (a); or
  - (ii) from outside the surveillance zone;
- (c) are intended for use within the surveillance zone;
- (d) have undergone at least one of the risk-mitigating treatments set out in Annex VIII.

#### *Article 53*

#### **Specific conditions for authorising movements of kept animals of listed species and products to an approved plant**

1 The competent authority may authorise movements of kept animals of listed species from establishments located in the surveillance zone to a plant approved for processing or disposal of animal by-products where:

- a the kept animals are immediately killed; and
- b the resulting animal by-products are disposed of in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.

2 The competent authority may authorise movements of products from establishments and other locations in the surveillance zone to a plant approved for processing or disposal of

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animal by-products where they are disposed of or processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.

#### *Article 54*

### **Measures to be applied in food and feed businesses, border control posts, animal by-products establishments or any other location of relevance in the surveillance zone, including means of transport**

1 The competent authority shall apply the relevant measures referred to in Article 40, and Articles 42 to 53 in food and feed businesses, border control posts, animal by-products establishments or any other location of relevance in the surveillance zone, including means of transport.

2 In the establishments and locations referred to in paragraph 1, the competent authority may apply additional measures adapted to the specific situation in order to prevent the spread of the category A disease within and from the surveillance zone.

#### *Article 55*

### **Duration of the disease control measures in the surveillance zone**

1 The competent authority may lift the disease control measures applied in the surveillance zone pursuant to Sections 1 and 3 of this Chapter only if the period set out in Annex XI has elapsed and the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a the requirements provided for in Article 39 have been met in the protection zone; and
- b a representative number of establishments keeping animals of listed species have undergone, with favourable results, visits carried out by official veterinarians, in accordance with Article 41.

2 Where the relevant category A disease is transmitted by a listed vector, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1882, the competent authority may:

- a set the duration of the measures in the surveillance zone on a case by case basis taking into account factors influencing the risk of spreading the disease; and
- b provide for the introduction of sentinel animals.

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