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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 General information by Member States.**

No item raised.

**A.02 Information from Member States on peste de petits ruminants (PPR).**

Greece presented the PPR situation in its territory after the confirmation of the first ever outbreak in Trikala (mainland Greece), on 11.07.2024, far from the high-risk areas where preventive surveillance for several exotic diseases has been implemented over the past years (including PPR). This was followed by secondary outbreaks, in Trikala and neighbouring Larisa (in total 15 outbreaks to date). Measures in line with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 are implemented. Significant resources have been deployed to manage the outbreaks, including more than 100 field veterinarians that perform clinical visits / samplings of suspects in the protection and surveillance zones. Technical assistance was offered by an EUVET mission (23-25.07.2024). Origin of the disease is under investigation.

Romania presented the PPR situation in its territory after the confirmation of the first ever outbreak in Tulcea county (east part of Romania, close to the Black Sea), on 20.07.2024. Since the beginning of the incident there have been 17 outbreaks in Tulcea and one in Constanta County. Measures in line with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 are implemented. The Romanian authorities have established an extended protection zone, a surveillance zone and a further restricted zone surrounding all outbreaks, along with special measures for movements of animals within and outside the country. Origin of the disease is under investigation.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in the Union.**

No item raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain interim measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece, following the confirmation of the first ever PPR outbreak in the country, in the regional unit of Trikala. Measures, apart from the establishment of a protection and a surveillance zone include the establishment of a further restricted zone, with no movements of animals allowed outside the outer perimeter of the further restricted zone. The Implementing Decision was adopted on 19 July 2024, in accordance with Art. 259 (2) of Reg. 2016/429 (Animal Health Law).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Greece and repealing Implementing Decision 2024/2014. Measures include amendments of the former zoning, in view of additional PPR outbreaks in the regional units of Trikala and Larisa.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania, following the confirmation of the first ever PPR outbreaks in the country, in counties of Tulcea and Constanta. Measures include the establishment of extended, integral protection and a surveillance zone surrounded by a further restricted zone, with no movements of animals allowed outside the outer perimeter of the further restricted zone.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.