

In accordance with articles 13, 17(b), 24(b), 27(b) and 30(b) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for movements within the Union of terrestrial animals and hatching eggs, the competent authority of the Member State of origin may authorise the movement of animals which do not fulfil at least one of the requirements laid down in points 1 to 3 of Section 1 of Chapter 2 of Part II of Annex V of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 to another Member State or zone thereof without a disease-free status and without an approved eradication programme for infection with Bluetongue virus, if the Member State of destination has informed the Commission and the other Member States that such movements are authorised and under which conditions.

Belgium will allow the entry of bovine animals, caprine animals, ovine animals, kept cervid animals, kept camelid animals and other kept ungulates according to the following conditions from the 27th of October:

Animals independent of age:

- *The animals are protected against vectors (Culicoides) by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days preceding the date of movement; and have been subjected to a PCR test for all blue tongue serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State or zone of origin during the previous 2 years with favourable results taken at least 14 days after the start of the protection against vectors (pooling of whole blood samples (1/3) to perform the test is hereby authorised).*

- **No conditions are set for BTV3.**

Animals over 70 days of age:

The animals must have been vaccinated against all serotypes (1-24) declared in the Member State or zone of origin during the previous 2 years. An animal is considered vaccinated if more than 30 days have elapsed since the primo-vaccination injection (if the vaccine used requires a single dose) or more than 10 days have elapsed since the second primo-vaccination injection (if the vaccine used requires 2 doses) and less than 1 year has elapsed since the last injection of the primo- or revaccination.

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