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Notification of animal movements conditions in Greece regarding Bluetongue

The Greek Veterinary Authorities would hereby like to inform the European Commission and Member States regarding movements conditions for animals of susceptible species to Bluetongue (ovines, caprines and bovines) originating from other Member States and destined to Greece, in accordance with Articles 13 and 17 of Delegated Regulation 2020/688, 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.

More specifically, we hereby state the following:

In accordance with Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1 of Delegated Regulation 2020/689 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards surveillance rules, eradication programmes and disease-free status with regard to certain listed and emerging diseases, and with the aim to set conditions for movements of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and their germinal products in Greece from other Member States (MS) in relation to Bluetongue, animals complying with requirements in points 1, 2 or 3 therein shall always be accepted in Greece.

Further, in accordance with Articles 13 and 17 of Delegated Regulation 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 following specific conditions should be complied, regarding movements of animals from Member States or zones, neither BTV free nor covered by an eradication programme for Bluetongue:

- a) In case of animals over 70 days of age:
- (i) animals must have been vaccinated against all bluetongue virus serotypes reported during the last two (2)

years in the Member State or zone of origin. Movements shall take place at least thirty (30) days after the primo-vaccination injection (if the vaccine used requires a single dose) or ten (10) days after the second primo-vaccination injection {if the vaccine used requires two (2) doses}, in accordance with Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, point 7 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689,

or

(ii) animals must have been protected against vectors by insecticides or repellents for at least fourteen (14) days preceding the date of movement and must have been subjected to a PCR test with negative results, carried out on blood samples taken at least fourteen (14) days following the date of commencement of protection from vector attacks, in accordance with Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, point 6 of Regulation 2020/689.

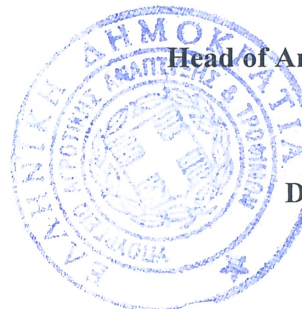
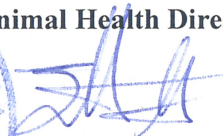
b) In case of animals under 70 days of age:

(i) animals must come from a vaccinated mother against all Bluetongue virus serotypes reported within the last two years in the Member State or zone of origin, in accordance with Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, point 7 of Regulation 2020/689,

or

(ii) animals must have been protected against vectors by insecticides or repellents for at least fourteen (14) days preceding the date of movement and must have been subjected to a PCR test with negative results, carried out on blood samples taken at least fourteen (14) days after the date of commencement of protection against vectors, in accordance with Annex V, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, point 6 of Regulation 2020/689.

We are at your disposal for any further information and/or clarifications.

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