

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)

CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS AND LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Response to FMD outbreak in Germany from 10 January 2025

Situation as of 12/02/2025

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This document summarises basic information on the outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Germany and related EU action. It focuses on the animal health aspects.

For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the Official Journal, the [European Commission's foot and mouth disease webpage](#). EU legal texts -such as Commission Decisions and Regulations- can be accessed via the [EUR-Lex](#) webpages.

For more general information on animal health and animal diseases, please refer to the [European Commission's webpage](#). Weekly updates on notifications of animal diseases in the Animal Disease Information System ([ADIS](#)) are published [here](#).

As regards international organisations, please refer to the [FMD web pages of the World Organisation for Animal Health \(WOAH\)](#) and the [FMD web pages of the Food and Agriculture Organisation \(FAO\)](#).

Info-notes on FMD occurrences in Member States (MS) and information on the Commission's work are sent to EU Member States and many third countries trading with the EU. These documents are referenced, starting each year with Info-note 01.

Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission, Member States' authorities and stakeholders	Legislative action
12/02/2025	DE	Publication of emergency measures	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/323 of 11 February 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/186, notified under document C/2025/1015, was published on 12.2.2025, in the Official Journal of the European Union L, 2025/323.</p> <p>We provide you this link for ease of reference: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/323/oj</p>	y
11/02/2025	DE	Adoption of emergency measures	<p>Info Note 19/2025 regarding the adoption by the Commission Implementing Decision¹ concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/186 (notified under document C(2025)1015).</p>	y
07/02/2025	DE	Update from DE	<p>Info Note 18/2025 where the German competent authority reported no further disease suspicions and that no susceptible animals were exported from the current restriction zones (protection and surveillance zones) to third countries since 1 December 2024. Surveillance activities remain ongoing.</p>	
05/02/2025	DE	Update from DE	<p>Info Note 17/2025 where the German competent authority reported no further disease suspicions and that all samples, including over 150 from hunted, found dead or accidentally killed animals from the restricted zones, tested negative. Nine Federal States in Germany reported preliminary negative results from animals of susceptible species which were moved from the designated restricted zones since December 1st 2024, with more than 6,300 samples tested so far, all negative. Surveillance activities remain ongoing.</p>	
03/02/2025	DE	Dispatch of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET)	<p>The Commission, on request of the German authorities, is dispatching the EU Veterinary Emergency Team to provide tailored support on reviewing the epidemiological situation and the measures in place.</p>	
01/02/2025	DE	Update from DE	<p>Info Note 16/2025 where the German competent authority reported no further disease suspicions, with all laboratory tests on livestock and wildlife samples returning negative results. Surveillance activities remain ongoing.</p>	

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30/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 15/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority informing on the absence of further disease suspicion and all laboratory tests (on samples from livestock and wildlife) were negative. Surveillance activities ongoing.	
28/01/2025	DE	Publication of emergency measures	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/186 of 24 January 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/87, notified under document C(2025) 654, was published in the Official Journal of the European Union L, 2025/186. Link for ease of reference: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/186/oj	y
26/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 14/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority informing on the absence of further disease suspicion and all tests (livestock and wildlife) were negative. Surveillance activities ongoing.	
25/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 13/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority indicating that no further disease suspicion were recorded and all tests (livestock and wildlife) were negative.	
24/01/2025		Vaccine matching & genotyping report by EURL	The EURL for FMD performed vaccine matching and genotyping for the samples submitted by Germany.	
24/01/2025		Extraordinary meeting of the AHAC	An extraordinary meeting of the Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC) was organised to review the FMD situation and the measures taken. More information on the AHAC is available here: https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-health/animal-health-advisory-committee_en	
24/01/2025	DE	Adoption of emergency measures	Info Note 12/2025 regarding the adoption by the Commission of Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany (notified under document C(2025) 654/2).	y
23/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 11/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority with information on further negative test results and the measures taken by Germany in terms of vaccination.	

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22-23/01/2025		Meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed	The Commission held the regular meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) where the FMD situation and the measures were reviewed along with the preliminary conclusions of the EUVET team. Presentations from the PAFF Animal Health and Welfare committee meetings are available here: https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#2024	
22/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 10/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority with absence of further suspicions and additional samples analysed which tested negative for FMD antibodies and nucleic acid.	
21/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 9/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority with further negative results from surveillance on FMD.	
20/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 8/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority with further negative results of surveillance on FMD on livestock and wildlife in Germany. Measures Berlin are prolonged until 22 January 2025.	
19/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 7/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority on the results of surveillance on FMD on livestock and wildlife in Germany. All results are NEGATIVE, and no further suspicion are identified. Consequently, measures are revised and standstill in Brandenburg is lifted.	
17/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 6/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority on the surveillance on FMD on livestock and wildlife in Germany. The animals in the suspect goat farm reported on 16th January have been culled, all with negative laboratory results for FMD.	
17/01/2025		Extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed	The Commission organised an extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) where the FMD situation and the measures were reviewed. Presentations from the PAFF Animal Health and Welfare committee meetings are available here: https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#20241024	

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16/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 5/2025 with an update provided by the German competent authority. Two thirds of animals were killed within the protection zone (3 km), all animals tested here with negative results. The animals in an identified contact farm have been culled, all with negative laboratory results for FMD. The stand still is prolonged in Brandenburg.	
15/01/2025	DE	Dispatch of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET)	The Commission, on request of the German authorities, is dispatching the EU Veterinary Emergency Team on the spot today to provide tailored support.	
15/01/2025		EURL FMD coordinates diagnostic protocols	The EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for FMD provided to all national reference laboratories updated protocols for diagnosis of rt RT-PCR for specific detection of the FMD O/ME-SA/SA-2018 virus	
15/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 4/2025 with an update from the competent authority in Germany on the measures for FMD implemented by Germany. Further clinical inspection and laboratory testing is being carried out. Tracing of possible risky animal movements is ongoing. So far tests did not identify any secondary outbreak.	
14/01/2025	DE	Update from DE	Info Note 3/2025 with an update from the competent authority in Germany on the epidemiological situation on FMD. No new outbreaks were identified; the only outbreak remains the one notified previously, Furthermore, all animals in the holding were culled and the preventive culling of all cloven-hoofed animals within one kilometre from the holding was completed. Surveillance has been reinforced both in domestic and wild animals. Total hunting ban is applied in the restricted zones. The virus was isolated from the samples and typed as serotype O by FLI.	
14/01/2025	DE	Results from EURL for FMD	The EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for FMD confirmed the detection of FMD virus from samples received from Germany.	

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14/01/2025	DE	Publication of interim emergency measures	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/87 of 13 January 2025 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany (notified under document C(2025)206), was published in the Official Journal of the European Union L, 2025/87 Link to the publication in the Official journal: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/87/oj	Y
13/01/2025		Extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed	The Commission organised an extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) where the FMD situation and the measures were reviewed. Presentations from the PAFF Animal Health and Welfare committee meetings are available here: https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#20241024	
13/01/2025	DE	Adoption of interim emergency measures	Info Note 2/2025 regarding the adoption by the Commission of Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Germany (notified under document C(2025) 206).	Y
11/01/2025		EU-reference laboratory (EURL) for FMD provides diagnostic guidance	The EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for FMD developed a real-time RT-PCR for the specific detection of the O/ME-SA/SA-2018 lineage and transferred the protocol to the German national reference laboratory.	
10/01/2025	DE	WOAH suspends FMD free status	The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) publishes a statement on the outbreak of FMD in Germany on their website. Germany's FMD free status is suspended. https://www.woah.org/en/disease/foot-and-mouth-disease/#ui-id-2	
10/01/2025	DE	Information from DE	Info Note 1/2025 with information received from the competent authority of Germany on the confirmation of an outbreak of FMD in kept water buffalos in the district of Märkisch-Oderland in the Federal State of Brandenburg. Identification of the genotype of the virus involved and the epidemiological investigation are ongoing. The transport of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and camelids is prohibited for 72 hours by a Minister's emergency decree. The same applies to bodies or parts of carcasses and manure produced in livestock farming.	

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10/01/2025	DE	<p>Primary disease notification to ADIS and WAHIS: FMD in Germany</p>	<p>Germany notified in ADIS primary outbreak DE-FMD-2025-00001. FMD in water buffalos in Märkisch-Oderland, Brandenbug. Confirmation by Real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR). The notification was sent automatically from ADIS to WAHIS, the global animal health reference database of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The ADIS weekly summaries are available online here: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/adis/public/notification/outbreaks-weekly-report</p>	