



State of play of the situation on EHD measures

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Legal background

- EHD is a disease regulated in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 (AHL)
- EHD has been categorized as category D and E disease in CIR (EU) 2018/1882. That means that measures at EU level are limited to:
 - Rules to prevent the disease from spreading on account of movements of animals between Member States in (CDR (EU) 2020/688)

Currently applicable EU rules

- Initially, CDR (EU) 2020/688 prevented the movement of animals from affected areas where there were outbreaks in the previous 2 years (150 km radius)
- Previous amendment: CDR (EU) 2023/2515, amending CDR (EU) 2020/688 provided for options for movements based on risk mitigation measures
 - seasonally free area (period/testing regimes)
 - vector protected establishment (period/testing regimes)
 - **no EHD requirements**
 - if the MS of destinations agrees, inform other MS and the Commission and accept animals under those conditions from any MS
 - (*NOTE*: MS cannot define specific requirements)

Statements in current MODEL “BOV-INTRA-X” until revision

II.2.5. They come from establishments situated in an area of at least 150 km radius around those establishments in which infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus:

⁽²⁾ *either* [has not been reported in kept animals of listed species for that disease during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure of the consignment;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* [has been reported in kept animals of listed species for that disease during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure of the consignment and the animals have been kept in a zone seasonally free from epizootic haemorrhagic disease in accordance with Parts 1 and 2 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688:

⁽²⁾ *either* for at least 60 days prior to the date of departure of the consignment;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* for at least 28 days prior to the date of departure of the consignment and have been subjected to a serological test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 28 days following the date of entry of the animals into the seasonally disease-free area;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* for at least 14 days prior to the date of departure of the consignment and have been subjected to a PCR test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 14 days following the date of entry of the animals into the seasonally disease-free area;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* [has been reported in kept animals of listed species for that disease during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure of the consignment and the animals have been protected against attacks by vectors during transportation to the place of destination and they have been kept protected against attacks by vectors in a vector protected establishment fulfilling the requirements provided for in Part 3 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688:

⁽²⁾ *either* for at least 60 days prior to the date of departure of the consignment;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* for at least 28 days prior to the date of departure of the consignment and have been subjected to a serological test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 28 days following the date of the commencement of the period of protection against attacks by vectors;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* for at least 14 days prior to the date of departure of the consignment and have been subjected to a PCR test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 14 days following the date of commencement of the period of protection against attacks by vectors;]

⁽²⁾ *and/or* [has been reported in kept animals of listed species for that disease during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure of the consignment and the Member State of destination has informed the Commission and the other Member States that such movement is authorised].

Recap: previous key messages from MS

- Amend CDR (EU) 2020/688 as fast as possible
- Try to use lessons learned, mechanisms and rules for bluetongue
- But do it simpler (category D disease vs. category C disease)
- Add vaccination
- Add more granularity compared to „no requirement”
- Protect transit MS between MS of origin and MS and destination

New EU rule in the pipeline: adopted as (C(2024) 6985)

Additional options as risk mitigation measures in last CDR amending CDR (EU) 2020/688 (*being examined by Council/EP*)

- vaccination: the animals have been vaccinated against EHD and the animals are within the immunity period guaranteed in the specifications of the vaccine (period/testing regime)
- specific risk-mitigating measures defined by the competent authority of the Member State of destination
 - if MS of destinations agrees, inform other MS and the Commission and accept animals under those conditions from any MS
 - MS of destination have more granular discretion under this possibility

Transport protection rules in the new CDR amending CDR (EU) 2020/688

- Only triggered when movements subject to no EHD requirements or subject to specific risk mitigating measures are passing through an area in another Member State
- One of the following sets of requirements must be complied with:
 - (a) they shall take place using means of transport that have been protected from attacks by vectors during transport and:
 - the planned journey does not include the unloading of the animals for a period longer than one day; or
 - the animals are unloaded in a vector-protected establishment or during the vector-free period;
 - (b) the Member State of passage has authorised the type of movement (and the MS of passage has informed the Commission and MS of the authorization regardless the MS or area of origin)

Timeframe for new EU rule and its implementation

CDR [(C(2024) 6985)] amending CDR (EU) 2020/688

- subject to the usual examination period of two months (it may be published in the OJ before the end of 2024 and will enter into force and be applicable on the twentieth day after that, possibly in January 2025)
- the Commission is working on an amendment to the relevant animal health certificates for ruminants to make the provisions of that new Delegated Regulation fully operational when it enters into force.
 - Amendment of CIR (EU) 2021/403 is needed
 - It is planned to be for a vote at PAFF without delay.
 - Translation, adoption, publication on OJ and entry into force
 - Certificates in TRACES will follow in due course

Questions, comments?