



# Approval and withdrawal of animal disease-free status and eradication programmes under the AHL

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*DG SANTE*

*Unit G2 – Animal Health*

# Legal and operational context

- Animal Health Law
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620
- Templates available on SANTE web and sent to MS
- Official letter sent to MS
- E-mail reminders sent to MS

# What is concerned?

- Category B and C diseases
- Listing (and de-listing) of Member States or zones, compartments
- Category B diseases: Article 31(1), point (a) and (b) of AHL:
  - „Member States which are not free, or not known to be free, from one or more of the listed diseases referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1) throughout their territory, or in zones or compartments thereof, shall:”
  - „to apply until the conditions for the grant of disease-free status ... are fulfilled”
  - „submit the draft compulsory eradication programme to the Commission for approval”
  - Any given area must be free or be covered by a compulsory eradication programme
  - Legal consequences

# When?

- Ongoing since spring 2021
  - Many operational contacts with MSs in last months
- Last deadline was given as 20 November
  - Our decision is based on available data against legal criteria in the referred EU rules
- Planned discussion and possible opinion on draft amending CIR (EU) 2021/620
  - December meeting of PAFF
- Next amendment of CIR (EU) 2021/620
  - Mid-2022
- Missing compulsory plans will be followed up by official procedure

# Scope of our current exercise

- Cat B diseases:
  - Brucella:
    - in bovine animals
    - in ovine and caprine animals
  - Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex
  - Rabies
    - de-listing due to outbreaks
    - areas under eradication programme
- Cat C diseases:
  - BVD
    - free areas
    - areas under eradication programme
  - BTV
    - de-listing due to outbreaks
    - areas under eradication programme
  - IHN
    - de-listing due to outbreaks

# Withdrawal of diseases-free areas

- Article 42 of AHL
- Member States suspend their status
- Member States take required measures
- Member States inform the Commission
- Commission withdraws „*without undue delay*”
- By an implementing act

# Key messages

- Reply to our requests as soon as possible
- Regular amendments to CIR (EU) 2021/620: 1, 2, (3, ..., ?) per year
- Next amendment of CIR (EU) 2021/620: mid-2022

# Thank you



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