



Authorisation of Derogations regarding import of animals and Bluetongue disease

The Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, FSVO hereby authorises derogations regarding movements of **bovine animals, ovine and caprine animals, camelid animals, kept cervid animals and other kept ungulates**¹ to Switzerland (zone without a disease-free status and without an approved eradication programme for infection with Bluetongue virus). In accordance with articles 13, 17 (b), 24 (b), 27 (b) and 30 (b) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688², **Switzerland will accept 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) 2020/689³, **under the following conditions:**

- 1) **In accordance with point 6** of Section 1 of Chapter 2 of Part II of Annex V of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689:

The animals originate from a Member State or a zone not BTV-free and:

- (a) they have been protected from vector attacks by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement; **and**
- (b) they have been subjected during that period to a PCR test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 14 days following the date of protection from vector attacks.

- 2) **In accordance with point 8** of Section 1 of Chapter 2 of Part II of Annex V of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689:

The animals comply with any of the requirements provided for in points 2, 3, 5, 6 or 7 only for the serotypes of BTV reported for the past 2 years in the Member State or zone of origin and not in the Member State or zone of destination during the same period.

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Switzerland is providing information on the current situation on the website [Bluetongue](#)⁴ (in French, German and Italian) and on trade on the website [Protective measures EU](#)⁵ (in English, French, German and Italian). Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 and (EU) 2020/689 are listed as relevant legal acts in trade with the European Union, Norway and Northern Ireland in the [Ordonnance](#)⁶ du DFI réglant les échanges d'importation, de transit et d'exportation d'animaux et de produits animaux avec les États membres de l'UE, l'Islande, la Norvège et l'Irlande du Nord.

¹ All species listed for infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 of 3 December 2018 on the application of certain disease prevention and control rules to categories of listed diseases and establishing a list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those listed diseases, OJ L 308, 4.12.2018, p. 21–29

² 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, OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 140–210

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for surveillance, eradication programmes, and disease-free status for certain listed and emerging diseases, OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 211–340

⁴ <https://www.blv.admin.ch/blv/fr/home/tiere/tierseuchen/uebersicht-seuchen/alle-tierseuchen/bt.html>

⁵ <https://www.blv.admin.ch/blv/en/home/import-und-export/geltende-schutzmassnahmen/eu.html>

⁶ OITE-UE-DFI, SR 916.443.111, available in French, German and Italian; <https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2015/847/fr>