



# Draft Delegated Act Compartments

Terrestrial animals / poultry / HPAI and ND

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# Objectives

- Define conditions for the application of compartmentalization for category A diseases in terrestrial animals (poultry) as a sustainable tool to guarantee animal health status, among others to provide for derogations to some disease control measures and restrictions (such as depopulation, movement restrictions)
- Compartment status based on biosecurity management and surveillance plans developed and implemented by operators, and verified and approved by Competent Authorities
- Not an alternative to regionalization, but a voluntary complement to it; not a replacement but an addition to compulsory biosecurity according to EU and national legislations
- Poultry compartments free from HPAI and ND

# Current situation

- Possible in theory as per Article 37 of the AHL Regulation (EU) 2016/429
- Some (6) existing approved compartments free from HPAI under former (repealed) regulation and still listed in Annex XI of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 = rare examples of possible bilateral use of listed compartments for export
- Not functional in practice for intra-EU due to absence of implementing rules
- Not possible for entry into the EU

# Current parallel ongoing works

1. Develop general rules for compartments for terrestrial animals with specific rules and conditions for compartments of poultry for HPAI and ND:
  - Draft a new delegated act
  - Discuss in a dedicated Expert Group (2 meetings were held 27 June and 18 October – 3<sup>rd</sup> group scheduled January 2024 if needed)
2. Amend Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687:
  - Add derogations to prohibitions in the protection and surveillance zones (Expert Group in September and November)
3. Add HPAI and ND in the list of diseases for which free compartments may be approved (to come): amend Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/690

# Draft rules

1. General provisions – subject, matter, scope + definitions
2. Requirements and procedures for the approval of disease-free status of compartments – terrestrial animals / category A diseases
  - Requirements for the approval:
    - ✓ general requirements for disease-free status (surveillance, biosecurity, approval/registration of establishments)
    - ✓ responsibilities of the compartment manager (supervision, monitoring, application for approval, ensuring compliance, audits and corrective actions, communication with competent authority)
    - ✓ common biosecurity management system
    - ✓ establishments that cannot be part of a compartment (e.g. markets)

# Draft rules

## ➤ Rules for approval:

- ✓ application during peace time (no component in a zone under restrictions)
- ✓ application includes information/description, biosecurity and surveillance
- ✓ approval granted during peace time, after verification + official on-site visit
- ✓ review (based on risk)
- ✓ suspension and withdrawal

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3. Chapter III: Specific requirements for compartments
  - only HPAI and Newcastle disease in poultry
  - approved compartments under former legislation and listed in IR 2021/620 are maintained; new application within 12 months of entry into force of DR
4. Annex I for detailed requirements for compartments in general:
  - Part I for compartment manager: includes audits (internal or external), and records as per Art 102 of AHL
  - Part II for detailed description for application, including risk pathways and risk factors
  - Part III for common biosecurity management system

# Draft rules

5. Annex II for specific requirements for HPAI and ND in poultry:
  - Part I for poultry compartments for both diseases
    - Section 1 for description
    - Section 2 for CBMS (including CCP and updates adapted to risk)
  - Part II for specific issues relating to HPAI and ND, including active surveillance, sampling plans, early warning system and records; although rather similar:
    - Section 1 for HPAI
    - Section 2 for ND



# Next steps

1. Draft for internal COM procedures
2. After completing internal procedures: draft published for 'public feed back'
3. If needed, 3rd meeting Expert Group in January 2024
4. Review comments from MSs and Public
  - Final draft beginning 2024
  - Publication Q2 2024

# Thank you



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