

In accordance with articles 13, 17, 24, 27 and 30 of 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, as amended by CDR (EU) 2026/795, the competent authority of the Member State of origin may authorise the movement of animals which do fulfil at least one set of requirements for infection with bluetongue virus (serotype 1-24) or infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus, set out in point 3 of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 to another Member State or zone thereof if the Member State of destination has informed the Commission and the other Member States that such movements are authorised and under which conditions.

Belgium will allow the movement into its territory of bovine animals, caprine animals, ovine animals, kept cervid animals, kept camelid animals and other kept ungulates in accordance with either of the following conditions from 1 November 2026:

1. Animals independent of age (in implementing point 3(b) and 3(c) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688) and unless the animals comply with the second condition:
 - The animals are protected against vectors (Culicoides) by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days preceding the date of movement; and have been subjected to a PCR test for all bluetongue serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State of origin during the previous 2 years with favourable results taken at least 14 days after the start of the protection against vectors (pooling of whole blood samples (1/3) to perform the test is hereby authorised).
 - No conditions are set for BTV3.
2. Animals over 70 days of age (in implementing point 3(a)-3(c) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688) and unless the animals comply with the first condition:
 - The animals do not comply with the requirements in point 2(c) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 but they have been vaccinated against all bluetongue serotypes (1-24) declared in the Member State of origin during the previous 2 years, other than BTV3. An animal is considered vaccinated if the animal is vaccinated in accordance with the specifications of an authorised vaccine.



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