Derogations regarding the movement of animals in relation to Bluetongue infection (serotypes 1–24) from European Union Member States to Bulgaria

By way of derogation from Article 10(1)(f), Article 15(1)(e), Article 23(1)(g), and Article 29(1)(f), and 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, Bulgaria notifies the Commission and the Member States that the movement of susceptible animals from Member States, in relation to infection with the bluetongue virus is permitted under the following conditions:

Animals over 90 days of age must be vaccinated against all serotypes of the Bluetongue virus (serotypes 1–24) reported in the area of origin during the two years preceding the date of departure; furthermore, they must have tested negative via PCR on samples collected no more than 14 days prior to their dispatch to Bulgaria. Animals are considered vaccinated if:

- they are within the period of immune protection guaranteed in the vaccine manufacturer's specifications;

or

- if not specified by the vaccine manufacturer, movement may take place at least 30 days after the first (and only) injection (if the vaccine used requires a single injection) or 10 days after the second injection (if the vaccine used requires two injections).

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