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***Subject*: Health conditions established by Italy for intra-EU movement of susceptible animals by way of derogation in application of Articles 13, 17, 24, 27 and 30 and Annex IX part I, art. 3(b) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of 17 December 2019, as amended by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/795, supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council.**

The competent authorities of Italy hereby notify the European Commission and Member States of the animal health conditions applicable from 1st November 2026 to the introduction into italian territory of animals of species susceptible to Bluetongue and Epizootic Haemorrhagic Disease, in accordance with the aforementioned legislation.
Updated information regarding the national epidemiological situation for BT and EHD can be consulted on the following webpage: https://www.izs.it/BENV_NEW/datiemappe_en.html

Health conditions for Bluetongue (BTV)
• Serotypes shared with the MS of origin: animal of species susceptible to the disease my enter italian territory without additional conditions or diagnostic requirements, provided they originate from epidemiological zones of MS where exclusively the same BTV serotypes already present in the Italian territory of destination are circulating. The animals only must not show any clinical signs on the day of departure, and must come from an establishment that is not the site of a disease outbreak.
• Serotypes not present in Italy: if BTV serotypes that have not been identified in Italy within the last two (2) years are circulating in the MS of origin, and the establishment of origini s located within a 150 km radius of an outbreak of the serotype(s) not present in Italy, the introduction of the animals is subject to compliance with one of the following alternative requirements:
Animals over 90 days of age:
- vaccination against the BTV serotype(s) present only in the area of the MS of origin: animals must be moved at least 30 days after the first and only dose (if the vaccine used requires a single dose), or 10 days after the second administration (if the vaccine used requires two doses);
- negative PCR test result combined with insecticide or insect repellent treatment: animals must have been treated with insecticide or insect repellent for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and, during this period, must have tested to a PCR test with a negative result, performed at least 14 days after the onset of protection against vector attacks.

Animals under 90 days of age:
- the animals originate from vaccinated mothers;
- negative PCR test result combined with insecticide or insect repellent treatment: animals must have been treated with insecticide or insect repellent for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and, during this period, must have tested to a PCR test with a negative result, performed at least 14 days after the onset of protection against vector attacks.

Health Conditions for Epizootic Haemorrhagic Disease (EHDV)
For all movements of susceptible animals originating from establishments or located within a 150 km radius of a confirmed outbreak, entry into Italian territory is authorized only for animals that meet one of the following risk mitigation requirements:
Animals over 90 days of age:

• vaccination against EHDV: animals must be moved at least 30 days after the first and only dose (if the vaccine used requires a single dose), or 10 days after the second administration (if the vaccine used requires two doses);
• negative PCR test result combined with insecticide or insect repellent treatment: animals must have been treated with insecticide or insect repellent for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and, during this period, must have tested to a PCR test with a negative result, performed at least 14 days after the onset of protection against vector attacks.

Animals under 90 days of age:

• the animals originate from vaccinated mothers;
• negative PCR test result combined with an insecticide or insect repellent treatment: animals have been subjected to an insecticide or insect repellent treatment for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and, during this period, have undergone a PCR test with a negative result, performed at least 14 days after the onset of protection against vector attacks.

For both categories of animals the obligation for the diagnostic PCR test may be temporarily suspended for territories included within the protection radius during the months officially declared as the Seasonally Vector-Free Period (SVFP) by the competent authorities, without prejudice to vector monitoring.

Best regards,

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