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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/1831

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amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania

(notified under document C(2026) 5341)

(Only the Romanian text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ([1]) and in particular Article 259(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus is an infectious disease affecting caprine and ovine animals and can have a severe impact on the concerned animal population and the profitability of farming causing disturbance to movements of consignments of those animals and products thereof within the Union and to exports to third countries. In the event of an outbreak of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in caprine or ovine animals, there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments keeping caprine or ovine animals.

(2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 ([2]) supplements the rules for the control of the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and defined as category A, B and C diseases in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 ([3]). In particular, Articles 21 and 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 provide for the establishment of a restricted zone in the event of an outbreak of a category A disease, including infection with peste des petits ruminants virus, and for certain measures to be applied therein. In addition, Article 21(1) of that Delegated Regulation provides that the restricted zone is to comprise a protection zone, a surveillance zone and, if necessary, further restricted zones around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.

(3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 ([4]) was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and lays down certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania. More specifically, Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 provides that the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones to be established by that Member State, in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, following an outbreak of that disease are to comprise at least the areas listed in Annex I to that Implementing Decision.

([1]) OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj.

([2]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 64, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj).

([3]) 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, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/1882/oj).

([4]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 of 25 March 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/525 (OJ L, 2025/638, 28.3.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/638/oj).

(4) Since the last amendment of Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 ([5]), Romania has notified the Commission, on 13 July 2026, of three outbreaks of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in establishments where ovine and caprine animals are kept, located in the counties of Mureș and Timiș. In accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, Romania has established restricted zones, comprising protection and surveillance zones, in which the disease control measures laid down in that Delegated Regulation are applied in order to prevent the further spread of that disease. Two of those new outbreaks are located outside the restricted zones that were already established as a result of previous outbreaks, namely in the county of Timiș.

(5) Therefore, the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zones for Romania in Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638, as well as the duration of the measures applicable therein, should be adjusted to take account of the new outbreaks. Accordingly, it is necessary to amend the list of restricted zones, and the duration of the measures to be applied therein, set out in the Annexes to that Implementing Decision.

(6) The size of the protection, surveillance, and further restricted zones and the duration of the measures to be applied therein, are based on the criteria laid down in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, as well as on the rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687. The criteria applied for the choice of the size and the number of the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones, as well as of the duration of the measures to be applied therein, include a consideration of not only the epidemiological situation as regards peste des petits ruminants virus in the areas affected by that disease, but also of the overall epidemiological situation of peste des petits ruminants virus in the entire territory of the Member State concerned by that disease, as well as of the level of risk for the further spread of the disease. In addition, the duration of the measures provided for by this Decision has been determined in line with the international standards set out in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) ([6]).

(7) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus, and the need to prevent the disease from spreading from Romania to other Member States, the measures laid down in this Implementing Decision should apply as soon as possible.

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annexes to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 are replaced by the text set out in the Annexes to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Romania.

Done at Brussels, 23 July 2026.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

([5]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1387 of 17 June 2026 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/638 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania (OJ L, 2026/1387, 18.6.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/1387/oj).

([6]) https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

Part A: Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreak

Country	Administrative area and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Romania	**Mureș county** RO-PPR-2026-00001 RO-PPR-2026-00004	Protection zone: Those parts of Mureș County, contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 46.314, Long. 24.578 (2026/1), Lat. 46.277, Long. 24.612 (2026/4).	23.8.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Mureș, County, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 46.314, Long. 24.578 (2026/1), Lat. 46.277, Long. 24.612 (2026/4), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	10.9.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Mureș County, contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 46.314, Long. 24.578 (2026/1), Lat. 46.277, Long. 24.612 (2026/4).	24.7.2026 – 10.9.2026
Romania	**Timiș county** RO-PPR-2026-00002 RO-PPR-2026-00003	Protection zone: Those parts of Timiș County, contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.555, Long. 20.993 (2026/2), Lat. 45.967, Long. 20.666 (2026/3).	23.8.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Timiș County, County, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.555, Long. 20.993 (2026/2), Lat. 45.967, Long. 20.666 (2026/3), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	10.9.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Timiș County, contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.555, Long. 20.993 (2026/2), Lat. 45.967, Long. 20.666 (2026/3).	24.7.2026 – 10.9.2026

Part B: Further restricted zone

Country	Administrative area	Areas established as further restricted zone, referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Romania	**Mureș County**	The entire territory of Mureș County excluding the areas contained in any protection or surveillance zone.	10.9.2026
	Sibiu County	The entire territory of Sibiu County excluding the areas contained in any protection or surveillance zone.	10.9.2026
	Timiș County	The entire territory of Timiș County excluding the areas contained in any protection or surveillance zone.	10.9.2026

ANNEX II

Country	Administrative area	Areas referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
Romania	**Mureș County**	The entire territory of Mureș County	11.9.2026-10.10.2026
	Sibiu County	The entire territory of Sibiu County	11.9.2026-10.10.2026
	Timiș County	The entire territory of Timiș County	11.9.2026-10.10.2026’