COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/1956

of 20 August 2026

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Romania

(notified under document C(2026) 5940)

(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) Sheep pox and goat pox is an infectious viral 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 exports to third countries. In the event of an outbreak of sheep pox and goat pox 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 sheep pox and goat pox, 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 zone around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.

(3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108 ([4]) was adopted within the framework of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and it lays down certain emergency measures relating to infection with sheep pox and goat pox in Romania.

(4) More particularly, Article 1 of Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108 provides that the restricted zone, comprising protection, surveillance and further restricted zones, to be established by Romania, in accordance with Article 21 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, is to comprise at least the areas listed in Annex I to that Implementing Decision, and the measures required to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones are to be applied at least until the dates listed in Annex I.

([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) 2026/1108 of 13 May 2026 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Romania and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1015 and Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2415 (OJ L, 2026/1108, 20.5.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/1108/oj).

(5) Since the last amendment of Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108, by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1943 ([5]), Romania has notified the Commission, within the period from 6 to 14 August 2026, of five additional outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox in establishments where ovine and caprine animals are kept, located in the counties of Constanța, Tulcea, Vâlcea and Gorj outside the protection and surveillance zones listed in Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108.

(6) Therefore, the areas listed as protection, surveillance, and further restricted zones for Romania in Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108, and the duration of the measures applicable therein, as well as the duration of the areas listed in Annex II to that Implementing Decision, should be adjusted to take account of the new outbreak. Accordingly, it is necessary to amend the list of restricted zones, and the duration of the measures to be applied therein, set out in Annex I to that Implementing Decision as well as the list of zones, set out in Annex II to that Implementing Decision, in which the measures applicable to further restricted zones are to be applied, and the duration of the measures to be applied therein.

(7) The Annexes to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108 should, therefore, be amended accordingly.

(8) 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 set out 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 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 sheep pox and goat pox in the areas affected by that disease, but also of the overall epidemiological situation of sheep pox and goat pox in the entire territory of Romania, and 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]).

(9) Given the urgency of the epidemiological situation in the Union as regards the spread of sheep pox and goat pox, and the need to prevent the disease from further spreading from the affected establishments in Romania to other parts of that Member State or to any other Member States, the emergency measures laid down in this Implementing Decision should apply as soon as possible.

(10) 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) 2026/1108 are replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Romania.

Done at Brussels, 20 August 2026.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

([5]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1943 of 10 August 2026 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1108 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Romania (OJ L, 2026/1943, 13.8.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/1943/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

Region and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Romania referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Buzău County RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00005	Surveillance zone: Those of Buzău, Brăila and Ialomița Counties, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates excluding the areas included in any protection zone Lat. 44.916, Long. 27.118 (2026/5).	28.8.2026
Iași County RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00006	Protection zone: Those parts of **Iași** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 47.173, Long. 27.230 (2026/6).	16.9.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Iași and Neamț** County, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates excluding the areas included in any protection zone Lat. 47.173, Long. 27.230 (2026/6), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	4.10.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Iași** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 47.173, Long. 27.230 (2026/6).	17.9.2026-4.10.2026
Gorj County RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00008 RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00012	Protection zone: Those parts of **Gorj** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.030, Long. 23.327 (2026/8), Lat. 45.055, Long. 23.324 (2026/12).	29.9.2026

Region and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Romania referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Gorj** County, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates excluding the areas included in any protection zone Lat. 45.030, Long. 23.327 (2026/8), Lat. 45.055, Long. 23.324 (2026/12), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	17.10.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Gorj** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.030, Long. 23.327 (2026/8), Lat. 45.055, Long. 23.324 (2026/12).	30.9.2026-17.10.2026
Tulcea County RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00007	Protection zone: Those parts of **Tulcea** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.017, Long. 29.006 (2026/7).	22.9.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Tulcea** County, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates excluding the areas included in any protection zone Lat. 45.017, Long. 29.006 (2026/7), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	10.10.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Tulcea** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.017, Long. 29.006 (2026/7).	23.9.2026-10.10.2026
Vâlcea County RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00009	Protection zone: Those parts of **Vâlcea** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.352, Long. 23.652 (2026/9).	23.9.2026

Region and ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Romania referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Vâlcea, Sibiu, Alba, Hunedoara and Gorj** Counties, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates excluding the areas included in any protection zone Lat. 45.352, Long. 23.652 (2026/9), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	11.10.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Vâlcea** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.352, Long. 23.652 (2026/9).	24.9.2026-11.10.2026
Constanța County RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00010 RO-CAPRIPOX-2026-00011	Protection zone: Those parts of **Constanța** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 44.522, Long. 28.747 (2026/10) Lat. 44.577, Long. 28.385 (2026/11).	28.9.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Constanța** Counties, contained within a circle of a radius of 20 kilometres, centred on UTM 30 ETRS89 coordinates excluding the areas included in any protection zone Lat. 44.522, Long. 28.747 (2026/10) Lat. 44.577, Long. 28.385 (2026/11), excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	16.10.2026
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of **Constanța** County contained within a circle of a radius of 5 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 44.522, Long. 28.747 (2026/10) Lat. 44.577, Long. 28.385 (2026/11).	29.9.2026-16.10.2026

Part B: Further restricted zones

Further restricted zone	Region	Areas included in the further restricted zones established in Romania as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Further restricted zones	**Ialomița County**	The entire Ialomița, Buzău, Brăila, Iași, Neamț, Gorj, Vâlcea, Hunedoara, Tulcea and Constanța counties, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone	17.10.2026
	Buzău County		
	Brăila County		
	Iași County		
	Neamț County		
	Gorj County		
	Vâlcea County		
	Tulcea County		
	Hunedoara County		
	Constanța County		

ANNEX II

Area	Region	Areas referred to in Article 1b	Date until applicable
Areas	**Mureș County**	The entire Mureș, Cluj, Bistrița-Năsăud, Ialomița, Buzău, Brăila, Iaşi, Neamț, Gorj, Vâlcea, Tulcea and Constanța counties.	18.10.2026 – 15.11.2026
	Cluj County		
	Bistrița-Năsăud County		
	Ialomița County		
	Buzău County		
	Brăila County		
	Iaşi County		
	Neamț County		
	Gorj County		
	Vâlcea County		
	Tulcea County		
	Hunedoara County		
	Constanța County’		