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on exceptional support measures for the milk and pigmeat sectors in Slovakia

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007 ([1]), and in particular Article 220(1), first subparagraph, point (a), thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Between 21 March 2025 and 4 April 2025, six outbreaks of foot and mouth disease were confirmed and notified by Slovakia. The species affected were cattle.

(2) Slovakia immediately and efficiently took all the necessary animal health and veterinary measures required pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]) and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 ([3]).

(3) With a view to preventing the spread of foot and mouth disease, on 21 March 2025, Slovakia issued an extraordinary emergency measure ([4]) prohibiting any movement, in its territory, of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and other cloven-hoofed animals, including farm animals.

(4) Furthermore, Slovakia took control, monitoring and preventive measures and established protection and surveillance zones ('the regulated zones') pursuant to Commission Implementing Decisions (EU) 2025/496 ([5]), (EU) 2025/613 ([6]), (EU) 2025/654 ([7]), (EU) 2025/672 ([8]), (EU) 2025/696 ([9]), (EU) 2025/795 ([10]), (EU) 2025/827 ([11]), and (EU) 2025/1097 ([12]).

([1]) OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj.

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

([3]) 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).

([4]) Extraordinary Emergency Measure of 21 March 2025 MNO-2550/2025.

([5]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/496 of 11 March 2025 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Hungary (OJ L, 2025/496, 12.3.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/496/oj).

([6]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/613 of 24 March 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Hungary and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/496 (OJ L, 2025/613, 25.3.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/613/oj).

([7]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/654 of 26 March 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/613 (OJ L, 2025/654, 31.3.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/654/oj).

([8]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672 of 31 March 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/613 (OJ L, 2025/672, 2.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/672/oj).

([9]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/696 of 3 April 2025 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672 concerning certain emergency measures relating to outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia (OJ L, 2025/696, 4.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/696/oj).

([10]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/795 of 14 April 2025 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672 concerning certain emergency measures relating to outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia (OJ L, 2025/795, 15.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/795/oj).

([11]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/827 of 25 April 2025 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672 concerning certain emergency measures relating to outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia (OJ L, 2025/827, 28.4.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/827/oj).

([12]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1097 of 23 May 2025 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672 concerning certain emergency measures relating to outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in Hungary and Slovakia (OJ L, 2025/1097, 27.5.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/1097/oj).

(5) Slovakia informed the Commission that the necessary health and veterinary measures, which had been applied to contain and eradicate the spread of the disease, had affected a number of operators and that those operators suffered income losses that were not eligible for Union financial contribution under Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([13]).

(6) On 26 August 2025, the Commission received a formal request from Slovakia for the part-financing of certain exceptional measures pursuant to Article 220(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 for the outbreaks confirmed between 21 March 2025 and 4 April 2025.

(7) The implementation of the animal health and veterinary measures referred to in recitals 3 and 4 led to a loss of raw milk produced that could not be delivered due to movement restrictions and to additional costs due to a longer rearing and fattening period of pigs, piglets and sows.

(8) Pursuant to Article 220(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, the Union part-financing should be equivalent to 60 % of the expenditure borne by Slovakia for the relevant exceptional market support measures. The maximum quantities of raw milk and maximum number of animals eligible for financing in the framework of each exceptional market support measure should be fixed by the Commission after scrutinising the request received from Slovakia concerning the restrictions related to outbreaks.

(9) To avoid any risk of overcompensation, the maximum amounts and flat rate amount of the Union part-financing should be based on technical and economic studies or accounting documents and fixed at an appropriate level for each animal and for kilogram of raw milk.

(10) To avoid any risk of double funding, the losses incurred by beneficiaries should not be compensated by State aid or insurance, and the Union part-financing under this Regulation should be limited to eligible animals and products for which no Union financial contribution has been received under Regulation (EU) 2021/690.

(11) The extent and duration of the exceptional market support measures provided for in this Regulation should be limited to what is strictly necessary to support the market. In particular, the exceptional market support measures should apply only to the production of raw milk and pigmeat from the holdings located in the regulated zones and for the duration of the animal health and veterinary measures laid down in the Union and Slovakian legislation relevant to the outbreaks.

(12) To ensure flexibility in case the number of animals eligible for compensation differs from the maximum numbers set in this Regulation, which are based on estimates, compensation may be adjusted within certain limits, as long as the maximum amount of expenditure part-financed by the Union is respected.

(13) In order to ensure the effectiveness of this exceptional measure, beneficiaries should rapidly receive the emergency financial support. Additionally, a timely monitoring of the budget as well as an up-to-date follow-up and efficient use of the agricultural reserve should be ensured, thereby maximising its availability and enhancing the capacity to respond promptly to emerging crises. Therefore, it is appropriate to define an eligibility period for Member States to pay this support to the beneficiaries. Any payments made after a specific end date should be considered ineligible for Union financing.

(14) The Union should therefore finance the expenditure incurred by Slovakia under this exceptional measure only where such expenditure is made by a certain eligibility end date. The support for this exceptional measure should therefore be paid by 31 October 2026.

([13]) Regulation (EU) 2021/690 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing a programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European statistics (Single Market Programme) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 99/2013, (EU) No 1287/2013, (EU) No 254/2014 and (EU) No 652/2014 (OJ L 153, 3.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/690/oj).

(15) As no payments made after 31 October 2026 are to be considered eligible under any circumstances, Article 5(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127 ([14]), which provides for a proportional reduction of the monthly payments effected after the deadline, should not apply.

(16) In order to ensure the eligibility and the correctness of the payments, Slovakia should carry out *ex ante* checks.

(17) In order to ensure an immediate implementation by Slovakia of the measures laid down in this Regulation, this Regulation should enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(18) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Union shall provide part-financing equivalent to 60 % of the expenditure borne by Slovakia to support the milk and pigmeat markets seriously affected by the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease which were confirmed and notified by Slovakia between 21 March 2025 and 4 April 2025.

Article 2

1. Expenditure borne by Slovakia shall be eligible for Union part-financing only:

(a) for the duration of the application of animal health and veterinary measures referred to in the Union legal acts and Slovak legislation listed in the Annex and related to the period laid down in Article 1; and

(b) for those bovine and pig holdings that have been subject to the animal health and veterinary measures and are located in the zones referred to in the Union legal acts listed in the Annex ('the regulated zones'); and

(c) if the compensation has been paid by Slovakia to the beneficiaries before 31 October 2026; and

(d) if, for the period referred to in point (a), the animal or product has not benefitted from any compensation by means of State aid or insurance and for which it has received no Union financial contribution under Regulation (EU) 2021/690.

2. None of the expenditure paid by Slovakia after 31 October 2026 shall be eligible for Union part-financing, irrespective of the share of the expenditure it represents.

Article 3

1. The maximum amount of Union part-financing shall be EUR 2 092 445, detailed as follows:

(a) for losses related to non-delivered raw milk produced in holdings in the regulated zones, a maximum of EUR 65 888 for up to a maximum of 227 915 kilograms of milk;

(b) for losses related to the prolonged rearing and fattening periods of pigs due to movement restrictions in the regulated zones, a flat rate of EUR 1,31 per pig per day up to a maximum of 76 673 animals;

([14]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127 of 7 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, securities and use of euro (OJ L 20, 31.1.2022, p. 95, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/127/oj).

(c) for losses related to the prolonged rearing periods of piglets due to movement restrictions in the regulated zones, a flat rate EUR 0,80 per piglet per day up to a maximum of 79 198 animals;

(d) for losses related to the prolonged rearing periods of sows resulting from movement restrictions in the regulated zones: EUR 3,36 per sow per day up to a maximum of 1 025 animals for the period between 21 March 2025 and 30 March 2025 and EUR 4,18 per sow per day up to maximum of 1 593 animals for the period between 31 March 2025 and 20 May 2025.

2. Where the amount of raw milk or the number of animals eligible for compensation exceeds the maximum number of kilograms of raw milk or animals set out in paragraph 1, expenditure eligible for Union part-financing may be adjusted per item and go beyond the amounts resulting from the application of the maximum numbers per item, provided that the total of adjustments remains below 20 % of the maximum amount of the Union part-financing referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 4

1. Slovakia shall carry out preliminary administrative and on-the-spot checks in accordance with Articles 59 and 60 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([15]).

In particular, Slovakia shall verify:

(a) the eligibility of the applicant submitting the request for support,

(b) for each eligible applicant: the eligibility, the quantity and the value of the actual loss of production,

(c) that none of the eligible applicants have received funding from any other sources to compensate the losses referred to in Article 2 of this Regulation.

2. For eligible applicants for which administrative checks are completed, compensation may be paid without waiting for all checks to be made on those applicants who have also been selected for on-the-spot checks. All the on-the-spot checks shall be carried out no later than six months after the payments.

3. In cases where the eligibility of an applicant was not confirmed, the compensation shall be recovered and sanctions applied in accordance with Article 59(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 May 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

([15]) Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 (OJ L 435, 6.12.2021, p. 187, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2116/oj).

ANNEX

List of the Union legal acts and Slovak legislation referred to in Article 2(1) listing the regulated zones and periods.

Parts of Slovakia and periods established in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 and Slovak legislation, and defined in:

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/496

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/613

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/654

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/672

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/696

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/795

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/827

Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/1097

Slovak Extraordinary Emergency Measure: MNO-2550/2025