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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2024/2523

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amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania

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(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 it 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.

(2) 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 of caprine or ovine animals.

(3) 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.

(4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 ([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 particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 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 outbreaks of that disease are to comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex 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) 2024/2119 of 29 July 2024 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania (OJ L, 2024/2119, 30.7.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2119/oj).

(5) After the adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119, Romania notified the Commission of additional outbreaks of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in establishments where ovine and caprine animals were kept in the counties of Tulcea, Constanta, Timis and Ialomita. As a result, the Annex to that Implementing Decision has been duly amended to take account of those additional outbreaks. The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2203 ([5]).

(6) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2203, Romania has notified the Commission of six new outbreaks of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in establishments where ovine and caprine animals were kept: one in the county of Tulcea; and five in the county of Timis. All of these new outbreaks are located inside the outer perimeter of the further restricted zones, and within the limits of protection and surveillance zones, that were already established following the earlier outbreaks.

(7) Therefore, the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zones for Romania in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 should be further adjusted, in order to prevent the further spread of the disease in Romania and to the rest of the Union, and the duration of the measures the be applied therein should be adjusted. 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 Annex to that Implementing Decision.

(8) The size of the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones and the duration of the measures to be applied therein should be based on the criteria laid down in Article 64(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and the rules laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, including the epidemiological situation as regards infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in the Member State concerned by that disease as well as the level of risk for its further spread. The duration of the measures should also take into account the international standards of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). In the current epidemiological situation, there is a high risk of the further spread of the disease, in particular due to the fact that, according to the information provided by Romania, outbreaks of the disease continue to occur both in Timis as well as in Tulcea, significantly more than one month after the first outbreak was reported in either county.

(9) Due to the severity and urgency of the epidemiological situation and in order to immediately limit the spread of the disease, it is necessary to ensure that animal movements from the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones to destinations outside the external perimeter of the further restricted zone do not take place, and to exclude possible derogations from the prohibition on the movements of animals from restricted zones laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, for a certain period of time, in order to prevent the spread of the disease over long distances.

(10) 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 the affected establishments in Romania to other parts of that Member State or to other Member States, the amendments to be made to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 by this Decision should apply as soon as possible.

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

([5]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2203 of 29 August 2024 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 concerning certain emergency measures relating to infection with peste des petits ruminants virus in Romania (OJ L, 2024/2203, 30.8.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2203/oj).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Amendments to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119

The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2119 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to Romania.

Done at Brussels, 23 September 2024.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

A. **Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks**

County 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
County of Tulcea cluster RO-PPR-2024-00001 RO-PPR-2024-00002 RO-PPR-2024-00003 RO-PPR-2024-00004 RO-PPR-2024-00005 RO-PPR-2024-00007 RO-PPR-2024-00008 RO-PPR-2024-00009 RO-PPR-2024-00010 RO-PPR-2024-00011 RO-PPR-2024-00012 RO-PPR-2024-00013 RO-PPR-2024-00014 RO-PPR-2024-00015 RO-PPR-2024-00016 RO-PPR-2024-00017 RO-PPR-2024-00020 RO-PPR-2024-00021 RO-PPR-2024-00022 RO-PPR-2024-00024 RO-PPR-2024-00025 RO-PPR-2024-00026 RO-PPR-2024-00027 RO-PPR-2024-00028 RO-PPR-2024-00031 RO-PPR-2024-00032 RO-PPR-2024-00033 RO-PPR-2024-00034 RO-PPR-2024-00035 RO-PPR-2024-00037 RO-PPR-2024-00038 RO-PPR-2024-00039 RO-PPR-2024-00040 RO-PPR-2024-00041 RO-PPR-2024-00044 RO-PPR-2024-00045 RO-PPR-2024-00047 RO-PPR-2024-00048 RO-PPR-2024-00049 RO-PPR-2024-00050 RO-PPR-2024-00051 RO-PPR-2024-00052 RO-PPR-2024-00054 RO-PPR-2024-00055 RO-PPR-2024-00056 RO-PPR-2024-00058 RO-PPR-2024-00062	Protection zone: In the county of Tulcea, the following communes : — Babadag — Baia — Beidaud — Casimcea — Ceamurlia de Jos — Ciucurova — Frecatei — Izvoarele — Jurilovca — Mihai Bravu — Mihail Kogalniceanu — Nabant — Sarichioi — Slava Cercheza — Stejaru — Topolog — Valea Nucarilor In the county of Constanta, the following communes: — Cogealac — Corbu — Fantanele — Gradina — Istria — Mihai Viteazu — Sacele — Saraiu	19.9.2024
	Surveillance zone I: In the county of Tulcea, the following communes: — Bestepe — Cerna — Daeni — Dorobantu — Hamcearca — Horia — Isaccea — Mahmudia — Murighiol — Niculitel — Nufaru — Ostrov — Peceneaga — Somova — Tulcea — Valea Teilor — Carcaliu — Greci — Grindu — I.C. Bratianu — Jijila — Luncavita — Macin — Smardan — Turcoaia — Vacareni	28.9.2024

County 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
County of Constanta RO-PPR-2024-00006	In the county of Constanta, the following communes: — Garliciu — Lumina — Mihail Kogalniceanu — Navodari — Pantelimon — Saraiu — Targusor — Vulturu — Ciobanu — Crucea — Ghindaresti — Harsova — Horia — Nicolae Balcescu — Seimeni — Silistea — Topalu — Tortoman — Baraganu — Cobadin — Deleni — Murfatlar — Valu Lui Traian excluding the areas contained in any protection zone	
	Surveillance zone II: In the county of Tulcea, the following communes: — Babadag — Baia — Beidaud — Casimcea — Ceamurlia de Jos — Ciucurova — Frecatei — Izvoarele — Jurilovca — Mihai Bravu — Mihail Kogalniceanu — Nabant — Sarichioi — Slava Cercheza — Stejaru — Topolog — Valea Nucarilor In the county of Constanta, the following communes: — Cogealac — Corbu — Fantanele — Gradina — Istria — Mihai Viteazu — Sacele — Saraiu	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Constanta RO-PPR-2024-00018	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Tulcea RO-PPR-2024-00029 RO-PPR-2024-00030	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024

County 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
County of Tulcea RO-PPR-2024-00036	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Constanta RO-PPR-2024-00042 RO-PPR-2024-00043	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Constanta RO-PPR-2024-00057 RO-PPR-2024-00059	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Constanta RO-PPR-2024-00060	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the county of Constanta, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 44.2045, Long. 28.19483 (2024/60), excluding the areas included in any protection zone.	15.9.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the county of Constanta, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 44.2045, Long. 28.19483 (2024/60)	7.9.2024 – 15.9.2024
County of Ialomita RO-PPR-2024-00053	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Tulcea RO-PPR-2024-00046	Surveillance zone I, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	28.9.2024
	Surveillance zone II, described for the country of Tulcea cluster above.	20.9.2024 – 28.9.2024
County of Timis RO-PPR-2024-00019 RO-PPR-2024-00061 RO-PPR-2024-00063 RO-PPR-2024-00064 RO-PPR-2024-00065 RO-PPR-2024-00066 RO-PPR-2024-00067	Protection zone: Those parts of the counties of Timis, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.280895, Long. 21.473979 (2024/61), Lat. 45.280971, Long. 21.460345 (2024/63), Lat. 45.279911, Long. 21.47413 (2024/64), Lat. 45.281111, Long. 21.471944 (2024/65), Lat. 45.280833, Long. 21.464167 (2024/66). Lat. 45.280274, Long. 21.472984 (2024/67)	7.10.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the counties of Timis and Caras-Severin, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.261807, Long. 21.451327 (2024/19) Lat. 45.280895, Long. 21.473979 (2024/61), Lat. 45.280971, Long. 21.460345 (2024/63), Lat. 45.279911, Long. 21.47413 (2024/64), Lat. 45.281111, Long. 21.471944 (2024/65), Lat. 45.280833, Long. 21.464167 (2024/66). Lat. 45.280274, Long. 21.472984 (2024/67) excluding the areas included in any protection zone.	16.10.2024

County 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 the counties of Timis and Caras-Severin, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 45.261807, Long. 21.451327 (2024/19) Lat. 45.280895, Long. 21.473979 (2024/61), Lat. 45.280971, Long. 21.460345 (2024/63), Lat. 45.279911, Long. 21.47413 (2024/64), Lat. 45.281111, Long. 21.471944 (2024/65), Lat. 45.280833, Long. 21.464167 (2024/66). Lat. 45.280274, Long. 21.472984 (2024/67).	8.10.2024 -16.10.2024

B. **Further restricted zones**

County	Areas included in the further restricted zone established in Romania as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
County of Tulcea	The entire county of Tulcea, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	28.10.2024
	The entire county of Tulcea	29.9.2024 – 28.10.2024
County of Constanta	The following communes: — Adamclisi — Aliman — Cernavoda — Ciocarlia — Cogealac — Corbu — Constanta — Crucea — Cuza voda — Fantanele — Garliciu — Ghindaresti — Gradina — Harsova — Horia — Istria — Lumina — Medgidia — Mihai Viteazu — Mihai Kogalniceanu — Mircea voda — Navodari — Nicolae Balcescu — Ovidiu — Pantelimon — Pestera — Poarta Alba — Rasova — Sacele — Saligny — Saraiu — Seimeni — Silistea — Targusor — Topalu — Tortoman — Vulturu — Baneasa — Dobromir — Ion Corvin — Lipnita	28.10.2024

County	Areas included in the further restricted zone established in Romania as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
	— Oltina — Ostrov excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	
	The following communes: — Adamclisi — Aliman — Cernavoda — Ciocarlia — Cogealac — Corbu — Constanta — Crucea — Cuza voda — Fantanele — Garliciu — Ghindaresti — Gradina — Harsova — Horia — Istria — Lumina — Medgidia — Mihai Viteazu — Mihai Kogalniceanu — Mircea voda — Navodari — Nicolae Balcescu — Ovidiu — Pantelimon — Pestera — Poarta Alba — Rasova — Sacele — Saligny — Saraiu — Seimeni — Silistea — Targusor — Topalu — Tortoman — Vulturu — Baneasa — Dobromir — Ion Corvin — Lipnita — Oltina — Ostrov	29.9.2024 – 28.10.2024
County of Braila	The entire county of Braila, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	28.10.2024
	The entire county of Braila	29.9.2024 – 28.10.2024
County of Calarasi	The entire county of Calarasi, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	28.10.2024
	The entire county of Calarasi.	29.9.2024 – 28.10.2024
County of Ialomita	The entire county of Ialomita, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	28.10.2024
	The entire county of Ialomita.	29.9.2024 – 28.10.2024

County	Areas included in the further restricted zone established in Romania as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
County of Galati	The entire county of Galati, excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	28.10.2024
	The entire county of Galati.	29.9.2024 – 28.10.2024
County of Timis	The following communes — Banloc — Birda — Denta — Deta — Gataia — Ghilad — Giera — Jamu mare — Livezile — Moravita — Nitchidorf — Tormac — Voiteg excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	15.11.2024
	The following communes — Banloc — Birda — Denta — Deta — Gataia — Ghilad — Giera — Jamu mare — Livezile — Moravita — Nitchidorf — Tormac — Voiteg	16.10.2024 – 15.11.2024
County of Caras-Severin	The following communes — Berliste — Berzovia — Bosca — Ciudanovita — Doclin — Dognecea — Forotic — Goruia — Gradinari — Lupac — Maureni — Ocna de fier — Oravita — Racasdia — Ramna — Ticvaniu mare — Varadia — Vermes — Vrani excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	15.11.2024
	The following communes — Berliste — Berzovia — Bosca	16.10.2024 – 15.11.2024

County	Areas included in the further restricted zone established in Romania as referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
	— Ciudanovita — Doclin — Dognecea — Forotic — Goruia — Gradinari — Lupac — Maureni — Ocna de fier — Oravita — Racasdia — Ramna — Ticvaniu mare — Varadia — Vermes — Vrani	