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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2024/2498

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amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece

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(Only the Greek 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), point (c), thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Sheep pox and goat pox is an infectious viral 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 sheep pox and goat pox 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 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 zones around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.

(4) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 ([4]) was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and it lays down certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece. More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 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) 2024/2207 of 29 August 2024 concerning certain emergency measures relating to sheep pox and goat pox in Greece (OJ L 2024/2207, 30.8.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2207/oj).

(5) Since the date of adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207, Greece has notified the Commission of 23 additional outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox in establishments where ovine and caprine animals were kept in the regional unit of Evros within boundaries of already established further restricted zones as a result of previous outbreaks in the same areas and one outbreak in the regional unit of Kavala, the first outbreak in that regional unit. Nine of the new outbreaks in the regional unit of Evros are located within the boundaries of already established protection and surveillance zones in the same areas, while one is located outside those already established protection and surveillance zones, but still within the boundaries of the already established further restricted zone.

(6) Therefore, the areas listed as protection, surveillance and further restricted zones for Greece in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 should be further adjusted, spatially and temporally, in order to prevent further spread of the disease in Greece and to the rest of the Union, and the dates of regionalisation adjusted. Accordingly, it is necessary to amend the list of restricted zones set out in the Annex to that Implementing Decision.

(7) The size of the zones and duration of the measures to apply in the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones should be based on the criteria set out 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 sheep pox and goat pox in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of sheep pox and goat pox in the Member State concerned by that disease, as well as the level of risk for the further spread of the disease. 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 situation, there is high risk of further spread of the disease, in particular due to the fact that, according to the information provided by the competent authority, in the regional unit of Evros a total number of 33 outbreaks of sheep pox and goat pox have occurred in 23 days, within a radius of less than 80 km, suggesting that the disease had been present in the area for a period of time before being diagnosed and continues to circulate, while the outbreak in Kavala is the first in this area and is situated more than 150 km west of the original disease epicentre.

(8) 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 spreading from the affected establishments in Greece to other parts of that Member State or to other Member States, the amendments to be made to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 by this Decision should apply as soon as possible.

(9) 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

Amendments to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207

The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2024/2207 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Addressee

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 19 September 2024.

For the Commission
Stella KYRIAKIDES
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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

Regional unit and ADIS reference number of the outbreaks	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Greece referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
Regional unit of Evros GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00005 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00006 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00007 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00008 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00009 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000010 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000011 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000012 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000013 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000014 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000015 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000016 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000017 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000018 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000019 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000020 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000021 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000022 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000023 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000024 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000025 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000025 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000027 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000028 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000029 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000030 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000031 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000032 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000033 GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-000034	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Evros, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.49961111, Long. 26.54605556 (2024/5), Lat. 40.96145278, Long. 26.3345 (2024/6), Lat. 40.94543, Long. 26.275696 (2024/7), Lat. 40.876278, Long. 26.202551 (2024/8), Lat. 40.952487, Long. 26.280721 (2024/9) Lat. 40.920725, Long. 26.205981 (2024/10) Lat. 41.024363, Long. 26.302547 (2024/11) , Lat. 41.51720278, Long. 26.54510278 (2024/12), Lat. 40.959944, Long. 26.336306 (2024/13), Lat. 40.93578, Long. 26.213778 (2024/14), Lat. 40.895996, Long. 26.222777 (2024/15), Lat. 40.900261, Long. 26.22288 (2024/16), Lat. 40.891842, Long. 26.146147 (2024/17), Lat. 40.933886, Long. 26.217318 (2024/18), Lat. 40.92507, Long. 26.212431 (2024/19), Lat. 41.278291, Long. 26.276953 (2024/20), Lat. 40.883228, Long. 26.157055 (2024/21), Lat. 40.923486, Long. 26.213196 (2024/22), Lat. 40.922552, Long. 26.209702 (2024/23), Lat. 40.925647, Long. 26.1662 (2024/24), Lat. 40.883022, Long. 26.227036 (2024/25), Lat 40.904757, Long. 26.178189 (2024/26), Lat. 40.848411, Long. 26.203314 (2024/27), Lat. 41.019251, Long. 26.269386 (2024/28) , Lat. 41.48359444, Long. 26.57411944 (2024/29), Lat. 41.49358333, Long. 26.54305556 (2024/30) , Lat. 41.51486111, Long. 26.54725 (2024/31), Lat. 40.89917, Long. 26.186411 (2024/32), Lat. 40.9941149, Long. 26.155657 (2024/33), Lat. 40.832839, Long. 26.131642 (2024/34)	8.10.2024

Regional unit and ADIS reference number of the outbreaks	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Greece referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Evros, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.49961111, Long. 26.54605556 (2024/5), Lat. 40.96145278, Long. 26.3345 (2024/6), Lat. 40.94543, Long. 26.275696 (2024/7), Lat. 40.876278, Long. 26.202551 (2024/8), Lat. 40.952487, Long. 26.280721 (2024/9) Lat. 40.920725, Long. 26.205981 (2024/10) Lat. 41.024363, Long. 26.302547 (2024/11), Lat. 41.51720278, Long. 26.54510278 (2024/12), Lat. 40.959944, Long. 26.336306 (2024/13), Lat. 40.93578, Long. 26.213778 (2024/14), Lat. 40.895996, Long. 26.222777 (2024/15), Lat. 40.900261, Long. 26.22288 (2024/16), Lat. 40.891842, Long. 26.146147 (2024/17), Lat. 40.933886, Long. 26.217318 (2024/18), Lat. 40.92507, Long. 26.212431 (2024/19), Lat. 41.278291, Long. 26.276953 (2024/20), Lat. 40.883228, Long. 26.157055 (2024/21), Lat. 40.923486, Long. 26.213196 (2024/22), Lat. 40.922552, Long. 26.209702 (2024/23), Lat. 40.925647, Long. 26.1662 (2024/24), Lat. 40.883022, Long. 26.227036 (2024/25) , Lat 40.904757, Long. 26.178189 (2024/26), Lat. 40.848411, Long. 26.203314 (2024/27), Lat. 41.019251, Long. 26.269386 (2024/28), Lat. 41.48359444, Long. 26.57411944 (2024/29), Lat. 41.49358333, Long. 26.54305556 (2024/30), Lat. 41.51486111, Long. 26.54725 (2024/31), Lat. 40.89917, Long. 26.186411 (2024/32), Lat. 40.9941149, Long. 26.155657 (2024/33), Lat. 40.832839, Long. 26.131642 (2024/34), excluding the areas contained in any protection zone	17.10.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Evros, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 41.49961111, Long. 26.54605556 (2024/5), Lat. 40.96145278, Long. 26.3345 (2024/6), Lat. 40.94543, Long. 26.275696 (2024/7), Lat. 40.876278, Long. 26.202551 (2024/8), Lat. 40.952487, Long. 26.280721 (2024/9) Lat. 40.920725, Long. 26.205981 (2024/10) Lat. 41.024363, Long. 26.302547 (2024/11), Lat. 41.51720278, Long. 26.54510278 (2024/12), Lat. 40.959944, Long. 26.336306 (2024/13),	9.10.2024-17.10.2024

Regional unit and ADIS reference number of the outbreaks	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zone in Greece referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
	Lat. 40.93578, Long. 26.213778 (2024/14), Lat. 40.895996, Long. 26.222777 (2024/15), Lat. 40.900261, Long. 26.22288 (2024/16), Lat. 40.891842, Long. 26.146147 (2024/17), Lat. 40.933886, Long. 26.217318 (2024/18), Lat. 40.92507, Long. 26.212431 (2024/19), Lat. 41.278291, Long. 26.276953 (2024/20), Lat. 40.883228, Long. 26.157055 (2024/21), Lat. 40.923486, Long. 26.213196 (2024/22), Lat. 40.922552, Long. 26.209702 (2024/23) , Lat. 40.925647, Long. 26.1662 (2024/24), Lat. 40.883022, Long. 26.227036 (2024/25), Lat 40.904757, Long. 26.178189 (2024/26), Lat. 40.848411, Long. 26.203314 (2024/27), Lat. 41.019251, Long. 26.269386 (2024/28), Lat. 41.48359444, Long. 26.57411944 (2024/29), Lat. 41.49358333, Long. 26.54305556 (2024/30), Lat. 41.51486111, Long. 26.54725 (2024/31), Lat. 40.89917, Long. 26.186411 (2024/32), Lat. 40.9941149, Long. 26.155657 (2024/33), Lat. 40.832839, Long. 26.131642 (2024/34)	
Regional unit of Kavala GR-CAPRIPOX-2024-00035	Protection zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Kavala, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.855895, Long. 24.176609 (2024/35)	5.10.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional units of Kavala and Serres, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.855895, Long. 24.176609 (2024/35) excluding the areas contained in any protection zone	14.10.2024
	Surveillance zone: Those parts of the regional unit of Kavala, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on UTM 30, ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 40.855895, Long. 24.176609 (2024/35)	6.10.2024-14.10.2024

B. **Further restricted zones**

Regional unit	Areas included in the further restricted zones established in Greece as referred to in Article 2	Date until applicable
Regional unit of Evros	The regional unit of Evros excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	17.10.2024
	The regional unit of Evros	18.10.2024-16.11.2024
Regional unit of Kavala	The regional unit of Kavala excluding the municipality of Thasos and the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	14.10.2024
	The regional unit of Kavala excluding the municipality of Thasos	15.10.2024-13.11.2024
Regional unit of Serres	The municipality of Amphipolis excluding the areas included in any protection or surveillance zone.	14.10.2024
	The municipality of Amphipolis	15.10.2024-13.11.2024
Regional unit of Drama	The municipality of Doxato	13.11.2024