Derogations for movements of animals from Member States or zones without a disease-free status and without an approved eradication program for infection with bluetongue virus to Bulgaria.

By way of derogation from Articles 10(1)(i), 15(1)(h) and 23(1)(j) and according to Articles 13, 17 and 24 of *Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for movements within the Union of terrestrial animals and hatching eggs*, Bulgaria is informing Commission and Member States that movements of animals from Member states without disease free status and without an approved eradication program for infection with bluetongue virus is permitted with the following conditions:

1) Animals over 90 days of age:

(a) Member State of origin implements surveillance in compliance with the requirements laid down in Annex 5, Part II, Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2 of *Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for surveillance, eradication programs, and disease-free status for certain listed and emerging diseases (DR 2020/689) and:*

- have been vaccinated against all bluetongue virus serotypes reported in the last two years in **both the Member State or zone of origin and the Member State of destination**,
  OR
- have been vaccinated against all bluetongue virus serotypes reported in the last two years in the **Member State or zone of origin but not in the Member State of destination** with a vaccine that, according to the technical prescription, prevents viremia, after the onset of immunity.
  In both cases, the movement will take place at least 30 days after the first and single injection (if the vaccine used requires a single injection) or 10 days after second injection (if the vaccine used requires 2 injections).

OR

b) have been kept in a seasonally BTV-free Member State or zone established in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 40 of DR 2020/689:

- for at least 60 days prior to the date of movement,

OR

- for at least 28 days prior to the date of movement and have been subjected to a serological test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 28 days following the entry date of the animal into the seasonally BTV-free Member State or zone,

OR

- for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and have been subjected to a PCR test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 14 days following the entry date of the animal into the seasonally BTV-free Member State or zone,

OR

c) must have been protected against vectors (*Culicoides*) by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days preceding the date of movement and must have been subjected to a PCR test for all bluetongue serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State or zone of origin during the previous 2 years with negative results, taken at least 14 days after the onset of the protection against vectors.

2) Animals under 90 days of age:

a) come from a mother vaccinated against all bluetongue virus serotypes reported during the last two years in the Member State or zone of origin,

OR

b) must have been protected against vectors (*Culicoides*) by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days preceding the date of movement and must have been subjected to a PCR test for all bluetongue serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State or zone of origin during the previous 2 years with negative results, taken at least 14 days after the onset of the protection against vectors.

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