



# New proposed amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 as revised after EG meeting of 23 Oct 2024

Terrestrial animals

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# Article 16 – derogations for C&D

## New amendment

### Adding paragraph 2:

- with possibility to **reduce the waiting time required between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> C&D**, as in point 3 of Part C of Annex IV
- for situations when **outbreaks** are confirmed **in certain type of establishments** (Art. 20).

### Rationale

Those establishments (e.g. slaughterhouses) are structured and equipped in a way that they can be easily cleaned and disinfected.

# Further restricted zones

## New proposed wording

### Changes in **Art. 21 point (1)(c)** :

‘(c) if necessary, on the basis of the criteria set out in paragraph 1 of Article 64 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, further restricted zones ~~around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones, or independently of those zones~~, where the competent authority shall apply the same measures as those provided for in Section 3 of this Chapter for the surveillance zone.’

### Rationale

To ensure more flexibility on the possibilities of how/where to establish further restricted zone

# Sampling

**New proposed wording** where there is reference to sampling (Art. 26(2)(d), Annex I)

E.g. of Art. 26(2)(d):

‘(d) collection of samples from animals for laboratory examination in order to confirm or rule out the presence of the relevant category A disease unless, based on **the relevant scientific evidence**, clinical examination is sufficient to rule out the presence of that disease.’;

## Rationale

The wording ‘the relevant scientific evidence’ is linked with Recital 7 and footnote 5, sending to the recommendations for sampling as in the EFSA opinions issued for each category A disease (see in next slide).

## List of EFSA S.O. as result of assessment of the control measures for category A diseases of Animal Health Law, considered 'the relevant scientific evidence'

- FMD: [2021/6632](#)
- Rinderpest: [2022/7071](#)
- RVF: [2022/7070](#)
- LSD: [2021/7121](#)
- CBPP: [2022/7067](#)
- SPGP: [2021/6933](#)
- PPR: [2021/6708](#)
- CCPP: [2022/7068](#)
- CSF: [2021/6707](#)
- ASF: [2021/6402](#)
- Glanders: [2022/7069](#)
- AHS: [2021/6403](#)
- HPAI: [2021/6372](#)
- ND: [2021/6946](#)

# Products exempted from prohibitions – derived products

## New amendment

Changes in **Art. 27(3) point (e) and (b)** to add clarity to the text:

(e) derived products obtained with standard processing methods as laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) 142/2011 for the relevant product.’;

## Rationale

To restrict the exemption to derived products obtained from certain treatments considered sufficient to mitigate the risk of spreading of the relevant category A disease pathogens

# Manure, including litter and used bedding

## New amendment

### Changes to **Art. 35 and 51**

to add the possibilities offered by Art. 37 (2) and 53 (2) for processing the manure, litter and used bedding from establishments in the PZ and SZ

### Rationale

To be easier to understand under the Articles dedicated to manure, what are all possibilities for movement of manure from non-affected establishments located in a RZ

# Animal by-products

## New amendment

### Changes to **Art. 37(2) and 53(2)**:

‘2. The competent authority may authorise movements of products from establishments and locations in the protection zone to a plant approved for processing or disposal of animal by-products, in which the products are disposed of or processed **by one of the harmonised methods** in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.’;

### Rationale

To ensure that the risk mitigating treatments used for processing animal-by products originating from RZ are safe to destroy the disease agent, as are the methods harmonized under Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.



# Lifting of measures in surveillance zone

**New proposed wording:** to complete the conditions for the derogation from the completion of final C&D before lifting the RZ

New point (a) added in paragraph 4 of Art. 55 (as introduced in the version discussed on 23 October 2024):

(a) no other outbreak of the relevant category A disease has occurred in the restricted zone

## Rationale

Consistent with the objective of disease free area.

# Repopulation and lifting of measures

## Changes in Art. 61:

- “new” paragraph (3) is deleted:

~~‘3. — When repopulation with kept animals of listed species is requested within three months period following lifting the disease control measures in the affected establishment in accordance with point 2(b), the competent authority shall supervise the repopulation complying with the provisions of Article 59.’~~

### Rationale:

Responsibility of the competent authority to assess and penalize if finds abuses of the rules

# CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Contact time for the disinfectant

## Changes in **ANNEX IV**:

b) point (e) of part B is replaced by the following:

‘(e) the disinfectant must remain on the treated surface for at least 24 hours, **except otherwise indicated by the manufacturer as maximum required contact time;**’;

# RISK-MITIGATING TREATMENTS for eggs

## New amendment

Change in ANNEX VII, for HPAI and ND, the last treatment for dried egg white:

- HPAI: 54.4°C – ~~21.38 days~~ 513 hours.
- ND: 57°C – ~~54~~ 50,4 hours.

### Rationale:

To align with the treatments in the WOH code

# MARKING OF FRESH MEAT

- **New proposal** for ANNEX IX :

‘ANNEX IX  
MARKING OF FRESH MEAT FROM THE RESTRICTED ZONE  
(Special health or identification marks)

1. The special identification mark to be applied to fresh meat of poultry originated in the protection zone and not intended to another Member State pursuant Article 33(1)(b) shall be an identification mark as provided for in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, with two additional diagonal parallel lines enabling information thereon to remain perfectly legible.
2. The special health or, where relevant, the special identification mark to be applied to fresh meat intended for treatment in a processing plant pursuant Articles 33(2)(a) and 49(2)(a) shall consist in the health mark or, where relevant, the identification mark provided for in Regulation (EU) No 853/2004 with an additional diagonal cross consisting of two straight lines intersecting at the centre of the stamp and enabling the information thereon to remain perfectly legible.’

- **Transitional period** for the use of old marks **in new Article 3** of the draft Delegated Regulation

## Rationale:

Ensure consistency for the use of special marking of fresh meat in the purpose of disease control, simplify the description and alignment with hygiene legislation.

- **Written comments are welcome**
- To be sent to [SANTE-ANIMAL-HEALTH-LAW@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-ANIMAL-HEALTH-LAW@ec.europa.eu)  
by **14 March 2025**

with Subject: Comments to draft amendment of DR 2020/687

# Next steps

- Draft **currently under interservice consultation (ISC)** within the Commission for 4 weeks
- Draft as **revised after the ISC and after obtaining comments from MS** will be **discussed** with MS in **next EG** meeting (probably only virtual), **possibly April/May 2025**
- Final internal procedures, translation
- Commission **adoption by June/July 2025**
- Publication in the OJ and **entry into force : November 2025**

# Thank you



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