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**Amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692**

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COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) …/...

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**amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin**

(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’), and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 3(5) and Article 234(2) thereof,

Whereas:

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HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

**Amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692**

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is amended as follows:

(1) In Article 74, paragraph (1) is replaced by the following:

‘1. Consignments of dogs, cats and ferrets shall only be permitted to enter the Union if each animal in the consignment is individually identified by an injectable transponder as listed in point (e) of Annex III to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035, which was implanted by a veterinarian, which contains the information provided for in Article 70(a) of that Regulation and which fulfils the technical requirements referred to in Annex IV to that Regulation.’

(2) Article 76 is amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph (1), point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) they have received a vaccination against infection with rabies virus that complies with the following conditions:

(i) the animals must be at least 12 weeks old at the time of vaccination;

(ii) the vaccine must comply with the requirements set out in Part 1 of Annex VII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688;

(iii) at the day of dispatch to the Union, at least 21 days must have elapsed since the completion of the primary vaccination against infection with rabies virus;

(iv) the dates of administration of the vaccine and the periods of validity of the relevant vaccinations are indicated in the animal health certificate referred to in Article 3(c)(i) and a certified copy of the vaccination details must be attached to that certificate;’

(b) Paragraph (2) is replaced by the following:

‘2. By way of derogation of paragraph 1(b), dogs, cats and ferrets originating in third countries or territories or zones thereof included in the list set out pursuant to Article 12(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) [new pet regulation] shall be permitted to enter the Union without being subjected to the rabies titration test.’

(c) Paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

’3. Consignments of dogs shall only be permitted to enter into a Member State with disease-free status for *Echinococcus multilocularis*, if the animals of the consignment comply with the following requirements:

1. they have been treated by a veterinarian against this infestation in accordance with Part 2 of Annex XXI within the required period set out therein.
2. the following details of the treatment must be certified by the administering veterinarian in the animal health certificate accompanying the animals to the Union:

- the transponder or tattoo alphanumeric code of the dog, cat or ferret;

- the name of the product against infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*;

- the name of the manufacturer of the product;

- the date and time of treatment;

- the name, stamp and signature of the administering veterinarian.’

(3) Annex XXI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

**Entry into force and application**

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

It shall apply from 21 April 2026.

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

ANNEX

Annex XXI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is amended as follows:

‘ANNEX XXI

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AS REGARDS DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS INTENDED FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNION**

**1. RABIES ANTIBODY TITRATION TEST REQUIREMENTS:**

The rabies antibody titration test:

(a) must be carried out on a sample collected by a veterinarian authorised by the competent authority during the period commencing at least 30 days after the date of the primary vaccination, within a current valid vaccination series, and ending 3 months before the date of issue of the certificate accompanying the animals to the Union;

(b) must measure a titre of neutralising antibody to rabies virus equal to or greater than 0,5 IU/ml and using a method prescribed in the relevant part of Chapter 3.1.19 in the *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals*, 13th Edition, 2024, of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH);

(c) must be performed in one of the following:

(i) an official laboratory, in a Member State or in a country that is a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, designated in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council for the performance of the rabies antibody titration test and for which the competent authority has provided to the Commission its name and contact details; or

(ii) a laboratory in a third country or territory listed in Annex VIII to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 designated by the competent authority of the third country as meeting the requirements laid down in Article 37(4) and (5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 for the performance of the rabies antibody titration test and for which the competent authority has provided to the Commission its name and contact details

(d) must be documented in the animal health certificate accompanying the animals to the Union and certified by an official report from the laboratory designated in point (c) as regards the result. This report must bear a security feature in the format of a code to permit verification of its authenticity on the dedicated internet-based pages of the designated laboratory and be attached to that certificate;

(e) does not have to be renewed on an animal which, following the antibody rabies titration test with satisfactory results, has been revaccinated against rabies within the period of validity of the primary vaccination referred to in point (a) and all subsequent valid vaccinations in the series.

**2. TREATMENT AGAINST INFESTATION WITH ECHINOCCOCUS MULTILOCULARIS**

Prior to enter a Member State with disease-free status for *Echinococcus multilocularis*, dogs must be treated against infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*, as follows:

(a) the treatment must consist of an authorised veterinary medicinal product which contains the appropriate dose of praziquantel or pharmacologically active substances which alone or in combination have proven to reduce the burden of mature and immature intestinal forms of *Echinococcus multilocularis* in dogs at least as effectively as praziquantel;

(b) the product must be administered by a veterinarian within a period commencing not more than 48 hours and ending not less than 24 hours prior to the time of dispatch to the Union.