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Regulation of the State Veterinary Administration

The Central Veterinary Administration of the State Veterinary Administration, as the locally and factually competent administrative authority under the provisions of § 48 (1) (c) of Act No 166/1999, concerning veterinary care and amending certain related laws (Veterinary Act), as amended, with 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 Legal Framework'), as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EU) 2016/429"), Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EU) 2020/687"), 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, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1882"), and in connection with restricted zones in areas with FMD established in Hungary, Slovak Republic, and the Republic of Austria, as well as in accordance with the provisions of § 54 (1) (d), (l) and (p), (2) (c) and (3), and § 57 (2) of Veterinary Act, shall order the following

Emergency veterinary measures

For the protection of the state territory of the Czech Republic against the risk of intrusion of a dangerous contagious disease foot-and-mouth disease (hereinafter referred to as "FMD") from Hungary and Slovak Republic:

Article 1

The movements of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and other animal species susceptible to FMD listed in Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 (hereinafter referred to as "susceptible animals") from the federal states Burgenland and Lower Austria to holdings, assembly centres, or slaughterhouses in the territory of the Czech Republic performed by natural and legal persons shall be prohibited.

Article 2

- (1) Legal persons and natural persons involved in business transporting susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals crossing the state border from the federal states Burgenland and Lower Austria to the Czech Republic shall:
 - a) suffer at the state border between the Czech Republic and the Republic of Austria controls on consignments of susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals performed by official veterinarians or staff of the Police of the Czech Republic or staff of the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic;

- b) in the case of transport of susceptible animals, submit for control, and at request of official veterinarians or staff of the Police of the Czech Republic or staff of the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic, documents proving the disinfection of transport means prior to the loading of susceptible animals, as well as documents accompanying transported animals (TRACES certificates), either in a documentary, or in an electronic form, and provide assistance necessary for a proper control and examination of animals, and, if necessary, enable taking samples by official veterinarians;
- c) in the case of transport of germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, submit for control, and at request of official veterinarians or staff of the Police of the Czech Republic or staff of the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic documents accompanying transported germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals (TRACES certificates), either in a documentary, or in an electronic form.

Article 3

- (1) Where persons transporting in transport means weighting more than 3.5 tons susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals to the Czech Republic travelled through the territory of the federal states Burgenland and Lower Austria, they shall use the following border crossing points:
 - a) Hatě Kleindorf, border section VIII/43-04,05 VIII/44 VIII/45 (VIII/43-13 VIII/45), South Moravian Region, or
 - b) Mikulov Drasenhofen; border section IX/72-4 IX/73 (IX/73Ö IX/73C).
- (2) Persons referred to in paragraph (1) shall suffer the disinfection of transport means at crossing the border.

Article 4

Sanctions

Non-compliance with or the breach of duties resulting from these emergency veterinary measures can be fined by administrative authorities pursuant to the provisions of § 71 or § 72 of Veterinary Act up to the amount of:

- a) CZK 100 000,- in the case of natural persons;
- b) CZK 2 000 000,- in the case of legal persons or natural persons involved in business.

Article 5

Notice

Where, in accordance with § 67 et seq. of Veterinary Act, a claim arises for the reimbursement of costs and losses incurred in connection with the implementation of emergency veterinary measures ordered for the control of certain dangerous animal diseases or diseases transmissible from animals to humans, it shall be submitted in due time on the basis of an application to the Ministry of Agriculture, which shall decide on it. The details of the application for the compensation and the application form are laid down in Decree No 176/2023 on animal health and its protection and on authorisation and professional competence for the performance of certain professional veterinary activities. The application form is available at the official website of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article 6

Common and final provisions

- (1) This Regulation shall come into force and effect pursuant to § 2 (1) and § 4 (1) and (2) of Act No 35/2021 on the Collection of legal rules of higher territorial self-governing units and certain administrative authorities due to threats to life, health, property, or environment at the moment of its publication in the Collection. The date and time of its publication shall be indicated in the Collection.
- (2) This Regulation shall be published on the official notice boards of the Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Offices of the territories concerned for at least 15 days and shall also be published without delay on the official web page of the State Veterinary Administration. Where the Regulation imposes duties on subjects other than keepers of farm animals, it shall be published in the national radio or television broadcasting as well.
- (3) The State Veterinary Administration shall publish information on the publication of the Regulation in the Collection on its official web page for at least 15 days from the day on which it has been notified of its publication.

Done in Prague on 27 March 2025

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CC: Ministry of Agriculture, all Regional Offices