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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, and in the Slovak Republic, 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 Slovakia:

Article 1

(1) Natural and legal persons shall comply with the ban on the movements of the following:

- a) bovine animals, 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");
- b) hay, straw, and green fodder intended for farm animals

originating from Hungary or the Slovak Republic to the Czech Republic.

(2) Legal persons or natural persons involved in business shall comply with the ban on the movements of the following:

- a) germinal products;
- b) animal products other than subjected to treatments pursuant to Annex VII to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687;
- c) animal by-products

originating from susceptible animals from Hungary or the Slovak Republic to the Czech Republic.

(3) Legal persons or natural persons involved in business shall comply with the ban on the movements of the following:

- a) category 1 and 2 meat and bone meal;
- b) processed animal protein;
- c) category 1, 2, and 3 rendered fats

originating from Hungary or the Slovak Republic to the Czech Republic.

Article 2

(1) Persons transporting susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs, within the territory of the Czech Republic shall:

- a) suffer in the territory of the Czech Republic controls on consignments of susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs, 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, to 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, 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, to 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, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs, either in a documentary, or in an electronic form.

(2) After the transport, persons transporting susceptible animals shall perform the disinfection of vehicles in which susceptible animals were present or shall ensure the performance of such disinfection.

Article 3

(1) Persons transporting susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs, and crossing the state border from the Slovak Republic to the Czech Republic shall:

- a) suffer at the border between the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic controls on consignments of susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs, 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 the transport of susceptible animals, submit for control, and at request, to 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; if necessary, enable taking samples by official veterinarians;
- c) in the case of the transport of germinal products, animal products, or animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs, submit for control, and at request, to 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 4

Official veterinarians from armed forces of the Czech Republic designated by the Ministress of Defence for salvage operations consisting in the prevention of intrusion of FMD to the territory of the Czech Republic in accordance with Government Regulation No 93/2025 concerning the deployment of the Army of the Czech Republic in salvage operations in relation with the protection of the Czech Republic against the risk of intrusion of a dangerous contagious disease foot-and-mouth disease shall also be authorised for the performance of controls on consignments of susceptible animals, germinal products, animal products, animal by-products originating from susceptible animals, as well as derived products or feedingstuffs for farm animals at the border between the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic pursuant to Article 3, and ordering measures for the rectification of detected non-compliances.

Article 5

- (1) Where drivers of road vehicles and special vehicles weighting more than 3.5 tons transporting, or intended for the transport of animals, animal products, animal by-products, derived products, or feedingstuffs for farm animals cross the border from the Slovak Republic to the Czech Republic, they shall use the following border crossing points only:
 - a) Lanžhot – Brodské, border section IX/30/9 – IX/31 (original No), IX/31 (new No), South Moravian Region;
 - b) Starý Hrozenkov – Drietoma, VI/28/4 – VI/28/5, Zlín Region;
 - c) Mosty u Jablunkova – Svrčinovec, I/10 – I/10/2, Moravian-Silesian Region.
- (2) Drivers of road vehicles weighting more than 3.5 tons and tractors shall use at crossing the state border from the Slovak Republic to the Czech Republic only the border crossing points referred to in paragraph (1) or the following sites designated for crossing the state border:
 - a) Hodonín – Holíč, border section IX/8/8 – IX/9 (original No), IX/9 (new No), road I/51, South Moravian Region, or
 - b) Bílá – Bumbálka – Makov, border section II/34/3, II/34/4 – II/34/5, III/3/7 – III/5, road I/35, Moravian-Silesian Region.
- (3) Drivers referred to in paragraph (1) and (2) shall suffer the disinfection of transport means at crossing the border, performed by the staff of the Fire Rescue Service.

Article 6

- (1) Operators of roads publicly accessible to vehicles of the total weight over 3.5 tons and tractors crossing the state border with the Slovak Republic, except for the sites designated for crossing the state border referred to in Article 5, shall without delay submit proposals concerning the establishment of a transitional arrangement of operation pursuant to § 77 (4) of Act on Road Traffic consisting in a ban on entry of these vehicles placed in the immediate vicinity of the state border in the direction of travel to the Czech Republic.
- (2) Operators of roads referred to in paragraph (1) shall furthermore place in the immediate vicinity of the ban on entry pursuant to paragraph (1) information boards with the data on sites designated for crossing the state border at which the entry of vehicles referred to in paragraph (1) to the Czech republic is authorised. The boards shall indicate the identification of the road concerned and the site designated for crossing the state border.

Article 7

- (1) Keepers of susceptible animals, except for keepers of susceptible animals in game parks, as well as operators of assembly centres for ungulates, shall:
 - a) perform assembly operations for the purpose of moving susceptible animals to other Member States of the European Union or to third countries at assembly centres for ungulates only;
 - b) require from transporters of animals documents proving the disinfection of transport means prior to the loading of susceptible animals, either in a documentary, or in an electronic form; this duty shall apply to all transporters from abroad whose transport means bear registration marks other than those of the Czech Republic and to the transport means bearing registration marks of the Czech Republic which have moved within the last 21 days in restricted zones in areas with FMD established in Hungary and in the Slovak Republic. Keepers and operators of assembly centres for ungulates shall keep copies of these documents for 12 months and provide them for control, and at request, to official veterinarians;
 - c) keep records of the entries of transport means to the places of keeping of susceptible animals, keep these records for 12 months, and submit them for control, and at request, to official veterinarians. These records shall include, in particular, the following: date of entry, identification of transporters, registration numbers of transport means and places of departure of transport means;
 - d) ensure that no persons can enter their holdings or assembly centres for ungulates who have moved within the last 21 days in restricted zones in areas with FMD established in Hungary and in the Slovak Republic and keep records on the entries of other persons to their holdings or assembly centres for ungulates. These records shall include, in particular, the following: name, surname, date of birth, place of residence and date of entry to their holdings or assembly centres for ungulates. This shall not apply where official veterinarians enter holdings or assembly centres for ungulates to perform state veterinary supervision. In such cases, these records shall contain service ID card numbers of the official veterinarians only. The records shall be kept by keepers and operators of ungulate assembly centres for 12 months and submitted for control, and at request, to official veterinarians;
 - e) notify the territorially competent Regional Veterinary Administration of the State Veterinary Administration or the Municipal Veterinary Administration in Prague of the State Veterinary Administration, or private veterinarians of any suspicion on FMD in farmed animals (based on clinical signs specific for FMD);

- f) comply with the ban on the performance of the treatment and trimming of hooves and claws of animals, except for the cases where keepers are authorised pursuant to legal rules to perform these actions on holdings operated by them in animals kept by them;
 - g) comply with the ban on sheep-shearing, except for the cases where keepers perform these actions on holdings operated by them in animals kept by them;
 - h) comply with the rules for a high level of biosecurity on holdings, in particular perform disinfection at entrances to and exits from holdings, disinfection of vehicles, and checks on all persons and materials entering their holdings.
- (2) The duties laid down in paragraph (1) (d) shall not apply to closed facilities (ZOO gardens). Operators of closed facilities shall inform the public of the risk of FMD infection by means of leaflets or posters placed at clearly visible sites at entrances to closed facilities.

Article 8

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 9

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 10

Repealing provisions

The following shall be repealed:

- 1. Regulation of the SVA CR Ref. No SVS/2025/050097 of 31 March 2025.
- 2. Regulation of the SVA CR Ref. No SVS/2025/052775 of 3 April 2025.

Article 11

Transitional provisions

The duty of road operators to submit proposals pursuant to Article 6 (1) shall be considered as complied with where the operators have submitted these proposals in accordance with Article 4a (1) of Regulation of the SVA Ref. No SVS/2025/050097 of 31 March 2025, as amended by Regulation of the SVA Ref. No SVS/2025/052775 of 3 April 2025.

Article 12

Common and final provisions

- (1) This Regulation shall come, 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, into force at the moment of its publication in the Collection and into effect on the day following the day of its publication. 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 7 April 2025

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CC: Ministry of Agriculture, all Regional Offices