CONDITIONS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF DOMESTIC AND CAPTIVE RUMINANTS TO PORTUGAL REGARDING THE INFECTION WITH BLUETONGUE VIRUS AND EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE VIRUS

INTRODUCTION

Bluetongue virus infection (BT) and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) virus infection are viral diseases that affect domestic and wild ruminants, with vector-borne transmission, that are classified as D and E in the Animal Health Law (Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of 9 March), supplemented by the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 of 3 December, amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/169 of 26 January, and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of 17 December 2019, amended by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/795 of 27 March. These diseases are therefore subjected to movement conditions of listed species between Member-States.

This document establishes the conditions foreseen in Articles 13, 17, 24, 27 and 30 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, whereby the competent authority of the Member State of destination may authorize the entry of animals that comply with **specific risk mitigation measures** for the infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) or epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus, as provided for in point 3(b) of Part 1 of Annex IX to the referred Delegated Regulation, applicable from the 1st of November of 2026.

CONDITIONS

Part A

Movements to **mainland Portugal** from an area with a radius of at least 150 km in which infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) or infection with epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus, as applicable, has been reported in the species listed for these diseases in the two years prior to the departure date.

A.1. Ruminants with 90 days or more of age:

a) If the **serotypes present at the origin** (within a 150 km radius) in the last two years, **are also present in the destination** area (within a 150 km radius), no conditions apply to the movements, in accordance with point 3(c) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

b) If the **serotypes present at the origin** (within a 150 km radius) in the last two years, **are not present in the destination** area (within a 150 km radius), the animals:

i) Must be vaccinated against the additional serotypes present at the source (within a 150 km radius) in the last two years, **and**

ii) Movement must take place at least 30 days after the first dose of the vaccine (if the vaccine used requires a single dose) or 10 days after the second dose of primo vaccination (if the vaccine used requires two doses).

OR

iii) Must be protected against vectors with insecticides or repellents; **and**

iv) Must have been subject to a PCR test with a negative result for the additional serotypes present at the origin (150 km), performed at least 14 days after the date of the treatment referred to in iii). The PCR result is valid for a maximum of 14 days.

A.2. Ruminants with less than 90 days of age:

a) If the **serotypes present at the origin** (within a 150 km radius) in the last two years, **are also present in the destination** area (within a 150 km radius), no conditions apply to the movements, in accordance with point 3(c) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

b) If the **serotypes present at the origin** (within a 150 km radius) in the last two years, are **not present in the destination** area (within a 150 km radius) the animals:

i) Must have a mother vaccinated against the additional serotypes present at the origin (within 150 km) in the last two years and not present at the destination (within 150 km);

OR, if their mothers are not vaccinated

ii) Must be protected against vectors with insecticides or repellents; **and**

iii) Must have done a PCR test with a negative result for the additional serotypes present at the origin (150 km), performed at least 14 days after the date of the treatment referred to in ii). The PCR result is valid for a maximum of 14 days.

Note 1: For the ruminant's species where there is no approved vaccine, the conditions set in points A.1. b), i) and ii) and points A.2. b), i) are not applicable.

Note 2: The movements conditions for ruminants destined to Portugal, that have been kept in an **area seasonally vector-free**, in addition to the harmonized conditions established in point 2(a) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, may also apply the conditions described in the conditions established in points A.1. and A.2. of this document

Part B

Movements of ruminants to the **Autonomous Regions of Azores and Madeira** originating from an area with a radius of at least 150 km where infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) or infection with epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus, as the case may be, has been reported in the species listed for those diseases in the last two years before the departure date, must comply with the conditions set out in points 2(a) or 2(b) of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

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