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CVOs of the Member states

Subject: **Derogations in relation to BTV for movements of kept bovine, ovine and caprine animals, camelids, cervids and other ungulates from other Member States to Slovenia**

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the information on derogations authorised by Slovenia in relation to BTV for movements of kept animals belonging to species listed for infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882.

The derogations shall apply as of 1 November 2026.

More information on BTV in Slovenia could be find at our website:
<https://www.gov.si teme/bolezen-modrikastega-jezika/>

Kind regards,

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Derogations in relation to Bluetongue (BTV) for movements of BTV susceptible animals from other Member States to Slovenia as of 1 November 2026

The BTV-related requirements for movements between Member States of kept bovine, ovine and caprine animals, camelids, cervids and other ungulates of species susceptible to BTV (hereinafter referred to as 'animals') are laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688¹ (Articles 10, 15, 23, 26 and 29 and Annex IX, Part 1, points 1 and 2).

By way of derogation from the above requirements, the Republic of Slovenia, pursuant to Articles 13(2), 17(2), 24(2), 27(2) and 30(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, authorises movements of animals into Slovenia under the following conditions:

1. in accordance with **point 3 (a)** of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688: The animals have been vaccinated against all serotypes of infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24), reported during the last two years prior to the date of departure in the Member State of origin. An animal is considered vaccinated if it has been vaccinated not more than 12 months prior to departure in accordance with the vaccine specifications.
2. in accordance with **point 3 (b)** of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688: The animals have been protected from vector attacks by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement; during that period, the animals have been subjected to a PCR test with negative results carried out on samples collected at least 14 days after the date of protection from vector attacks.

In accordance with **point 3 (c)** of Part 1 of Annex IX to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, the above requirements apply only for the BTV serotypes reported during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure in the area of origin and not in the area of destination during that period.

In the last 2 years BTV 4 and BTV 8 were confirmed in Slovenia.

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards animal health requirements for movements within the Union of terrestrial animals and hatching eggs (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, pp. 140)