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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 Croatia

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the information on derogations authorised by Croatia in relation to BTV for movements of kept animals belonging to species listed for infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) in accordance with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

The derogations shall apply as of 1 November 2026.

More information on BTV in Croatia could be find at our website:

https://veterinarstvo.mps.hr/hr/naslovna/zdravlje-zivotinja/bolest-plavog-jezika/

Kind regards,

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

The BTV related requirements for movements between Member States of ungulates susceptible to BTV are laid down in Articles 10, 15, 23, 26 and 29 and Annex IX, Part 1, point 1 and 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688. By way of derogation from the above requirements, the Republic of Croatia pursuant to Articles 13, 17, 24, 27 and 30 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, authorises movements of animals into Croatia under the following conditions:

I. BTV Serotypes shared with the Member State of origin

Animal my enter Croatia without additional conditions, provided they originate from Member State where exclusively the same BTV serotypes as those already present in the Croatian territory are circulating. The animals that are to be moved must not show any clinical signs of disease on the day of departure and must come from an establishment that is not the place of a disease outbreak.

In the last 2 years BTV 3, BTV 4 and BTV 8 were confirmed in Croatia.

II. BTV Serotypes not present in Croatia

If BTV serotypes that have not been identified in Croatia within the last two years are circulating in the Member State of origin, the introduction of the animals is subject to compliance with one of the following requirements:

a) For the animals over 90 days of age:

1. In accordance with Annex IX, Part 1, point 3 (a) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, the animals that are to be moved were vaccinated prior to movement against all BTV serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State of origin during the last two years.
   An animal is considered vaccinated and may be brought into Croatia only if it has received the appropriate vaccine and is within the period of immunity, in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer of the vaccine used.

2. In accordance with Annex IX, Part 1, point 3 (b) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, the animals that are to be moved have been protected from attacks by vectors (Culicoides) using insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and, during that period, have been subjected, with negative results, to a PCR test for all BTV serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State of origin during the previous two years. The samples have to be taken at least 14 days after the date of protection against vector attacks.

b) For the animals under 90 days of age:

1. The movement of animals under 90 days of age into Croatia is permitted if these animals originate from vaccinated dams that, during gestation, were within the valid period of immunity.

2. In accordance with Annex IX, Part 1, point 3 (b) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, the animals that are to be moved have been protected from attacks by vectors (Culicoides) using insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement and, during that

period, have been subjected, with negative results, to a PCR test for all BTV serotypes (1-24) reported in the Member State of origin during the previous two years. The samples have to be taken at least 14 days after the date of protection against vector attacks.