

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 Law') (Text with EEA relevance)

PART III

**DISEASE AWARENESS, PREPAREDNESS AND CONTROL**

TITLE II

**DISEASE CONTROL MEASURES**

*CHAPTER 2*

***Disease control measures for listed diseases as referred to in points (b) and (c) of Article 9(1)***

*Section 1*

***Disease control measures in the event of suspicion of disease in kept animals***

*Article 72*

**Obligations on operators and other relevant natural and legal persons concerned in relation to listed diseases as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1)**

1 In the event of suspicion of a listed disease as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1) in kept animals, in addition to complying with the notification obligation laid down in Article 18(1) and pending any disease control measures being taken by the competent authority in accordance with Article 74(1), Member States shall take measures to ensure that operators and other relevant natural and legal persons concerned take disease control measures as referred to in point (a) of Article 74(1) and in any delegated acts adopted pursuant to Article 74(4), to prevent the spread of that listed disease from the affected animals, establishments and other locations under their responsibility to other unaffected animals or to humans.

2 The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 264 concerning detailed rules for supplementing the disease control measures as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article.

*Article 73*

**Investigation by the competent authority in the event of suspicion of a listed disease as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1)**

1 In the event of suspicion of a listed disease as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1) in kept animals, the competent authority shall conduct without delay an investigation to confirm or rule out the presence of that listed disease.

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2 For the purpose of the investigation provided for in paragraph 1, the competent authority shall ensure that:

- a official veterinarians carry out a clinical examination of a representative sample of the kept animals of listed species for the listed disease in question;
- b official veterinarians take appropriate samples from those kept animals of listed species and other samples for examination in laboratories designated for that purpose by the competent authority;
- c such designated laboratories carry out examinations to confirm or rule out the presence of the listed disease in question.

3 The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 264 concerning detailed rules supplementing the rules for investigations as provided for in paragraph 1 of this Article.

#### Article 74

##### **Preliminary disease control measures by the competent authority for listed diseases as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1)**

1 The competent authority shall, in the event that it suspects a listed disease as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1) in kept animals, carry out the following preliminary disease control measures, subject to national requirements for gaining access to private residences, pending the results of the investigation provided for in Article 73(1) and the carrying-out of the disease control measures provided for in Article 79:

- a apply disease control measures to limit the spread of that listed disease from the affected territory, establishment, food or feed business, animal by-products establishment or other location;
- b initiate, where necessary, an epidemiological enquiry, taking into account the rules for such enquiry laid down in Article 57(1).

2 In addition to the measures referred to in paragraph 1, the competent authority may, in the cases referred to in that paragraph, take additional preliminary disease control measures, provided that those measures respect the provisions of this Regulation and are in accordance with Union law.

3 The preliminary disease control measures provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be appropriate and proportionate to the risk posed by the listed disease in question, taking into account the following:

- a the disease profile;
- b the kept animals affected;
- c the health status of the Member State, zone, compartment or establishment in which the listed disease is suspected;
- d the preliminary disease control measures provided for in Article 55(1) and Article 56 and in any delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 55(2).

4 The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 264 concerning rules for listed diseases as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1) supplementing those laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article, while taking into account the matters referred to in paragraph 3, as regards:

- a the preliminary disease control measures to be taken to prevent the spread of the listed disease, as provided for in point (a) of paragraph 1;

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- b the application of the preliminary disease control measures provided for in point (a) of paragraph 1 to other establishments, epidemiological units therein, food or feed businesses and animal by-products establishments or other locations;
- c the establishment of temporary restricted zones which are appropriate in light of the disease profile.

#### Article 75

### **Review and extension of the preliminary disease control measures for listed diseases as referred to in point (b) of Article 9(1)**

The disease control measures provided for in Article 74(1) shall be:

- (a) reviewed by the competent authority, as appropriate, following the findings of the investigation provided for in Article 73(1) and, where relevant, the epidemiological enquiry provided for in point (b) of Article 74(1);
- (b) further extended to other locations, as referred to in point (b) of Article 74(4), where necessary.

#### Article 76

### **Obligations of operators and other relevant natural and legal persons and measures to be taken by the competent authority in the event of suspicion of listed diseases as referred to in point (c) of Article 9(1)**

1 In the event of suspicion of a listed disease as referred to in point (c) of Article 9(1) in a Member State that has opted for the eradication programme covering the relevant parts of its territory or zones or compartments thereof, as provided for in Article 31(2), that Member State shall take measures to ensure that operators and other relevant natural and legal persons concerned take appropriate measures as provided for in Article 72(1), pending any disease control measures being taken by the competent authority in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.

2 The competent authority of a Member State that has opted for the eradication of a listed disease as referred to in paragraph 1 shall, in the event that it suspects the disease in question in kept animals:

- a conduct without delay an investigation to confirm or rule out the presence of that listed disease in accordance with Article 73(1) and (2);
- b pending the results of the investigation provided for in point (a) and the carrying-out of disease control measures in accordance with Article 80(1), carry out the preliminary disease control measures provided for in Article 74(1) and (2).

3 The competent authority shall review and extend the preliminary disease control measures referred to in point (b) of paragraph 2, in accordance with Article 75.

4 Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article shall also apply to Member States or zones which have obtained disease-free status, in order to maintain that status, in accordance with Article 36, or to compartments in accordance with Article 37(2).

5 The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 264 concerning detailed rules supplementing rules in respect of:

- a the disease control measures provided for in paragraph 1;

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- b the investigation provided for in point (a) of paragraph 2;
- c the preliminary disease control measures to be taken to prevent the spread of the listed disease, as provided for in point (b) of paragraph 2.

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- Art. 17(1A) words substituted by [S.I. 2021/1273 reg. 8Sch. 2 para. \(t\)](#)