

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 I

GENERAL RULES

CHAPTER 3

*Responsibilities for animal health*

*Section 3*

*Member States*

*Article 14*

**Delegation by a competent authority of official activities**

1 The competent authority may delegate one or more of the following activities to veterinarians other than official veterinarians:

- a practical application of measures under the eradication programmes provided for in Article 32;
- b supporting the competent authority in carrying out surveillance as provided for in Article 26 or in relation to surveillance programmes as provided for in Article 28;
- c activities related to:
  - (i) disease awareness, preparedness and control as provided for in Part III, concerning:
    - sampling activities and implementation of investigations and epidemiological enquiries within the framework of Article 54, points (b) to (g) of Article 55(1), and Articles 57, 73, 74, 79 and 80 in the event of the suspected presence of a disease, and any implementing and delegated acts adopted pursuant to those Articles;
    - carrying out activities relating to disease control measures in the event of an outbreak of disease, [<sup>X1</sup>as regards activities listed in Article 61, points (a), (b), (e), (f) and (i) of Article 65(1), Article 70(1), Articles 79, 80, 81 and 82, and] any implementing and delegated acts adopted pursuant to those Articles;
    - carrying out emergency vaccination in accordance with Article 69;
  - (ii) registration, approval, traceability and movements as provided for in Part IV;
  - (iii) issuing and completing the identification documents for pet animals as provided for in point (c) of Article 247, point (c) of Article 248(2), point (c) of Article 249(1) and point (c) of Article 250(2);

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- (iv) the application and use of means of identification as referred to in point (a) (ii) of Article 252(1).

2 Member States may provide for natural or legal persons to be authorised to perform activities referred to in points (a), (b) and (c)(i), (ii) and (iv) of paragraph 1 for specifically identified tasks for which those persons have sufficient specific knowledge. In that event, paragraph 1 of this Article and the responsibilities laid down in Article 12 shall apply to those persons.

3 The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 264 concerning other activities which may be delegated to veterinarians in addition to those provided for in paragraph 1, and, as appropriate, to prescribe the necessary circumstances and conditions for such delegation.

The Commission shall take account of the nature of those activities and of relevant international standards when adopting those delegated acts.

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**Editorial Information**

- X1** Substituted by [Corrigendum 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 \('Animal Health Law'\) \(Official Journal of the European Union L 84 of 31 March 2016\)](#).

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