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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/1784

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amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus

(notified under document C(2026) 5138)

(Only the Greek text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard 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') ([1]), and in particular Article 259(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Foot and mouth disease is an infectious viral disease affecting animals of the mammal orders of Artiodactyla and Proboscidea and can have a severe impact on the concerned animal population and the profitability of farming, causing disturbance to movements of consignments of those animals and products thereof within the Union and exports to third countries. In the event of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in animals there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments keeping animals of listed species, as set out in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 ([2]) (the listed species).

(2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 ([3]) supplements the rules for the control of the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and defined as category A, B and C diseases in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882. In particular, Articles 21 and 22 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 provide for the establishment of a restricted zone in the event of an outbreak of a category A disease, including foot and mouth disease, and for certain measures to be applied therein. In addition, Article 21(1) of that Delegated Regulation provides that the restricted zone is to comprise a protection zone and a surveillance zone, and, if necessary, further restricted zones around or adjacent to the protection and surveillance zones.

(3) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 ([4]) was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and it lays down certain emergency measures relating to the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in establishments keeping ruminant animals in the Larnaca and Nicosia districts in Cyprus. More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 provides that Cyprus must establish restricted zones, which comprise protection and surveillance zones, as well as a further restricted zone, in accordance with Article 21 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687,

([1]) OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj.

([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 of 3 December 2018 on the application of certain disease prevention and control rules to categories of listed diseases and establishing a list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those listed diseases (OJ L 308, 4.12.2018, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/1882/oj).

([3]) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 64, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj).

([4]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 of 11 March 2026 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/484 (OJ L, 2026/582, 13.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/582/oj).

where the measures required to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones, and the further restricted zone, must be applied at least until the dates listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision, and that the protection and surveillance zones, as well as the further restricted zone, must comprise at least the areas listed in that Annex. Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 was last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1277 ([5]).

(4) Since the adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1277, the emergency measures required to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones and in the further restricted zone listed in the Annex thereto, and the timeline for their application, have been reviewed based on the information provided by Cyprus, in particular with respect to the dates of the preliminary cleaning and disinfection of the affected establishments, required to be carried out in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687. As a consequence, the duration of the emergency measures in those protection and surveillance zones needs to be adapted.

(5) Accordingly, given the current epidemiological situation as regards foot and mouth disease in Cyprus, and in order to prevent the further spread of that disease in that Member State, to other Member States or to third countries, it is necessary to urgently update the areas listed as protection, surveillance or further restricted zones in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582, to adapt them both spatially and temporally where necessary. This is also necessary in order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union, and to avoid any unjustified barriers to trade being imposed by third countries.

(6) Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Cyprus.

Done at Brussels, 16 July 2026.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

([5]) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1277 of 5 June 2026 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus (OJ L, 2026/1277, 10.6.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/1277/oj).

ANNEX

Protection, surveillance further restricted zones and vaccination zones

Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

Member State	Administrative division	ADIS reference number of the outbreak	Areas established as protection and surveillance zones, part of the restricted zones referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Cyprus	Larnaca	CY-FMD-2026-00092	Protection zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 34,883993, Long. 33,563018.	1.10.2026
			Surveillance zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 34,883993, Long. 33,563018, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	
Cyprus	Larnaca	CY-FMD-2026-00096	Protection zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 34,887044, Long. 33,572012.	1.10.2026
			Surveillance zone: Those parts of Cyprus, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 34,887044, Long. 33,572012, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	

Further restricted zone

Member State	Area established as further restricted zone, part of the restricted zone, referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Cyprus	The remaining territory of Cyprus	1.10.2026

Vaccination zone

Member State	Vaccination zone	Date until applicable
Cyprus	The territory of Cyprus	Until the last day of the recovery period, referred to in Part 4 of Annex VII to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361