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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/820

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concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Greece and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/732

(notified under document C(2026) 2350)

(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 there is a serious risk of the spread of that disease to other establishments keeping animals of listed species for foot and mouth disease, as identified 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) 2026/732 ([4]) was adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and it lays down certain interim emergency measures relating to the outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in establishments keeping animals of listed species in the Lesvos regional unit in Greece, which were confirmed in March 2026. More particularly, Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/732 provides that Greece is to 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, where the measures required to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones, as well as in the further restricted zone, are applied at least until the dates listed in the Annex to that Implementing Decision, and those zones are to comprise at least the areas listed in that Annex.

([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) 2026/732 of 20 March 2026 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Greece (OJ L, 2026/732, 24.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/732/oj).

(4) Since the adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/732, there have been further outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in establishments in the Lesvos regional unit in Greece, which were confirmed in March 2026 within the restricted zones established by Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/732. Therefore, it is necessary to urgently update the restricted zones at Union level to take account of those further outbreaks.

(5) In order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union, and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade being imposed by third countries, it is necessary to rapidly identify at Union level the restricted zones for foot and mouth disease in Greece, which comprise the protection and surveillance zones, and a further restricted zone, in collaboration with that Member State. Accordingly, the areas identified as protection and surveillance zones and the further restricted zone in Greece, taking into account the further outbreaks, should be set out in the Annex to this Decision, and the duration of that regionalisation fixed.

(6) The size of the protection and surveillance zones and the further restricted zone, and duration of the measures to be applied therein, as established in accordance with Annexes X and XI to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, must be based on the epidemiological situation as regards foot and mouth disease in the areas affected by that disease and the overall epidemiological situation of foot and mouth disease in the Member State concerned as well as the level of risk for the further spread of the disease.

(7) In view of the current epidemiological situation in Greece and the risk that infection with foot and mouth disease virus can spread through sub-clinically infected animals of listed species, it is necessary to prohibit the movement of such animals from any location within the further restricted zone to a destination located outside the external perimeter of that restricted zone until a fixed date.

(8) In addition, Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/732 should be repealed, as it will be replaced by this Decision.

(9) 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

Greece shall establish restricted zones, which comprise protection and surveillance zones, and a further restricted zone, in accordance with Article 21 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, where the measures required to be applied in such zones in accordance with that Delegated Regulation are applied at least until the dates listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Those protection and surveillance zones, and the further restricted zone, shall comprise at least the areas listed in the Annex.

Article 2

Greece shall ensure that movements of animals of listed species for foot and mouth disease, as set out in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882, from the further restricted zone, set out in the Annex to this Decision, to a destination located outside the external perimeter of that further restricted zone are prohibited until the dates listed in that Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/732 is repealed.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 2026.

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Protection and surveillance zones established around the confirmed outbreaks

Member State	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
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00001	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,323973, Long. 26,273587.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,323973, Long. 26,273587, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00002	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,305363, Long. 26,292250.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,305363, Long. 26,292250, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00003	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,303602, Long. 26,292901.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,303602, Long. 26,292901, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00004	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,311352, Long. 26,294739.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,311352, Long. 26,294739, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026

Member State	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
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00005	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,311593, Long. 26,295968.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,311593, Long. 26,295968, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00006	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,328934, Long. 26,284100.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,328934, Long. 26,284100, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00007	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,320248, Long. 26,284533.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,320248, Long. 26,284533, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00008	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,291758, Long. 26,272115.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,291758, Long. 26,272115, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00009	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,292250, Long. 26,292250.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,292250, Long. 26,292250, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026

Member State	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
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00010	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,305313, Long. 26,293650.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,305313, Long. 26,293650, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00011	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,311934, Long. 26,296177.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,311934, Long. 26,296177, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00012	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,318063, Long. 26,301932.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,318063, Long. 26,301932, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00013	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,292323, Long. 26,281475.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,292323, Long. 26,281475, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00014	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,291865, Long. 26,279820.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,291865, Long. 26,279820, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026

Member State	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
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00015	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,323790, Long. 26,320710.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,323790, Long. 26,320710, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00016	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,284228, Long. 26,278595.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,284228, Long. 26,278595, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026
Greece	GR-FMD-2026-00017	Protection zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 3 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,321031, Long. 26,284060.	15.5.2026
		Surveillance zone: Those parts of Greece, contained within a circle of a radius of 10 kilometres, centred on ETRS89 coordinates Lat. 39,321031, Long. 26,284060, excluding the areas contained in the protection zone.	15.5.2026

Further restricted zone

Member State	Area established as further restricted zone, part of the restricted zone, referred to in Article 1	Date until applicable
Greece	The remaining territory of the Lesvos regional unit.	15.5.2026