

Message 901

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perjodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/9010/NO - C00A - AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FOODSTUFFS

5. Regulation amending Regulation 27 September 2024 No 2374 on measures to limit the spread of bluetongue in ruminants

6. Movement within Norway of ruminants and germinal products from ruminants

7.

8. Amendment of supplementary national measures regarding the movement of ruminants and germinal products from ruminants implemented because of an outbreak of infection with bluetongue virus in the southern part of Norway.

The action zone in the national measures is slightly enlarged. In the action zone:

- All ruminants must be kept indoors for at least 15 days and test negative to a PCR test before they are moved out of the action zone.
- Operators must keep records of dates of when the above animals were kept indoors and test results.
- The requirements above do not apply to:
 - a) ruminants moved to the mountains for grazing
 - b) ruminants sent for slaughter
 - c) camelid animals moved in connection with mating
 - d) calves moved for fattening after 1 October and held by the buyer until at least 1 December
 - e) ruminants moved from 1 December to 15 March, with the exception of pregnant cattle and pregnant camelid animals.

The vaccination zone is also slightly enlarged.

In the whole of the vaccination zone, the same restrictions apply for movement of animals from an establishment when bluetongue is confirmed in ruminants held on the establishment. This is instead of, but content wise the same as, an individual decision from the competent authority on confirmation of bluetongue. Exemption a, b and e as mentioned over, apply. In addition, germinal products from other ruminants than bovine animals moved from the establishment must fulfill bluetongue requirements in Regulation (EU) 2020/686 Articles 16, 22 and 38.

The vaccination of ruminants against the bluetongue virus of any relevant serotype is permitted within the vaccination zone.

9. Last Fall, Norway confirmed an outbreak of infection with bluetongue virus in the southern part of Norway. Bluetongue is a Category C disease. Norway has neither disease-free status for this disease, nor an optional eradication programme. The Norwegian authorities chose to take national measures to control this listed disease with regard to movements of certain ruminants and germinal products from ruminants in and from a small action zone in the south of Norway and allow for vaccination of ruminants in a larger vaccination zone in the south of Norway. These measures were established with legal basis in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 Article 170.

The competent authority has now adjusted the requirements for animals moved from the action zone and enlarged the action zone slightly. The zone has been enlarged on the basis of positive tests from the screening of milk and other positive tests. This covers areas that will be affected by vectors from both Sweden and Denmark and where the vector can spread bluetongue. Restrictions within the action zone itself

are removed.

The competent authority has also enlarged the vaccination zone slightly, as the buffer zone had to be enlarged in line with the expansion of the action zone. Vaccination against relevant serotype of bluetongue is allowed in the vaccination zone.

Any establishment in the vaccination zone with animals that test positive to bluetongue (3 month time limit from positive test) is subject to extra requirements for animals and germinal products that are moved from an affected establishment. It will therefore not be necessary for the competent authority to enforce restrictions though an individual decision.

10. References of the Basic Texts: The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification:
2024/9017/NO

11. Yes

12. Necessary to adjust zones with measures for handling bluetongue outbreaks (established Fall 2024) because of bluetongue screening carried out on milk and animals, plus warmer temperatures enabling transmission of the disease through vectors.

13. No

14. No

15. Yes

16.

TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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