

Conditions as regards **bluetongue disease** for authorisation of derogations for movements of kept bovine animals, kept ovine and caprine animals, kept camelids animals, kept cervid animals and other kept ungulates

Conditions for the Czech Republic with regard to infection with **Bluetongue virus** (BTV) in accordance with Articles 13 (2), 17(2), 24(2), 27(2) and 30 (2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 of 17 December 2019, as amended, supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

The Czech Republic will accept the animal species listed above under the following conditions **in accordance with point 3 (b)** of Part I of Annex IX of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688:

1) PCR testing combined with animal protection against vectors

- a) the animals have been protected from vector attacks by insecticides or repellents for at least 14 days prior to the date of movement; and
- b) the animals have been subjected during that period to a PCR test, with negative results, carried out on samples collected at least 7 days following the date of initiation of protection from vector attacks; and
- c) the PCR test result is valid for 14 days from the date of sample collection; throughout this period (until the date of departure) the animals must be protected against vector attacks.

OR

2) Where the movement of vaccinated animals in accordance with point 2(c) of Part I of Annex IX of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 is not possible for the following reasons:

- a) the vaccine specifications do not specify an immunity period; or
- b) the animal species is not specified in the vaccine specifications,

then the movement of vaccinated animals is possible under the following conditions:

Animals under 90 days of age:

Come from a mother vaccinated before pregnancy or at least 28 days prior to parturition against all serotypes 1-24 of BTV reported during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure in an area of at least 150 km radius centred on establishments where the animals were kept;

Animals over 90 days of age:

- a) were vaccinated against all serotypes 1-24 of BTV reported during the last 2 years prior to the date of departure in an area of at least 150 km radius centred on establishments where the animals were kept; and
- b) the movement will take place at least 30 days after the first and single injection (if the vaccine used requires a single injection) or 10 days after the second injection (if the vaccine used requires 2 injections).

Irrespective of the requirements mentioned above, animals that fulfil the requirements set out in points 1 to 2 of Part I of Annex IX of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688, as amended, will always be accepted in the Czech Republic.

These derogations apply from November 1th, 2026

More information on the occurrence of bluetongue disease in the Czech Republic, including a map, can be found at the following web link: <https://en.svs.gov.cz/animal-health/information-on-bluetongue/> .