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MIMORIADNE EMERGENCY MEASURES AND

Pursuant to Article 6(5)(a) and Article 34(1)(b) of Act No 39/2007 . on Veterinary Care, as amended, the following emergency measures are hereby adopted with validity and effect **from 21 March 2025 until revoked**

A) P A G E

throughout the **Slovak Republic:**

1. any movement of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and other livestock, including farmed game (also referred to as 'susceptible animals'), other than necessary transport within the same holding. This prohibition also applies to any movement of susceptible animals from other States into the Slovak Republic and from the territory of the Slovak Republic into other States;
2. international transport or transit of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and other livestock through the territory of the districts of Komárno and Dunajská Streda. In the case of the other districts, international transport with loading and unloading outside the territory of the Slovak Republic is possible only without stopping and unloading on the territory of the Slovak Republic, with priority being given to the main road routes;
3. any movement of animals through the border crossings Čunovo - Rajka, Medved'ov - Vámoszabadi, Komárno - Komárom and Štúrovo - Esztergom;
4. the organisation of all mass events, fairs, exhibitions and fairs of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs and other livestock;
5. the entry of unauthorised persons into cattle, sheep, goat, pig and other livestock holdings, including farmed game.

Responsible: all breeders (owners and keepers) of susceptible animals

B) N A R I A O U S

throughout the **Slovak Republic:**

1. use suitable means of disinfection at entrances to and exits from buildings housing , sheep, goats and pigs and other cloven-hoofed animals, including farmed game, and the holding itself;

2. a person entering or leaving a holding of , ovine, caprine and porcine animals and other cloven-hoofed animals, including farmed game, must observe the hygiene measures necessary to reduce the risk of spreading foot-and-mouth disease virus and thoroughly disinfect all means of transport leaving the holding before leaving the holding;
3. cleaning, disinfecting and, where necessary, disinsectising and treating means of transport and other vehicles and equipment for the transport of bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine animals or other species of animals, including farmed game, or materials which may be contaminated, such as animal carcasses, feed, manure, slurry, etc., as soon as possible after contamination;
4. immediately report suspected cases of disease with signs of foot-and-mouth disease to the competent regional veterinary and food administration;
5. to dispose of dead animals only in a processing plant (rendering plant);
6. the closure of all facilities for the exhibition of animals to the public, including zoos and circuses where susceptible animals are kept.

Responsible: local breeders (owners and keepers) of susceptible animals

Justification:

07.03. 2025 The Republic of Hungary has notified an outbreak of foot-and-mouth in cattle in the municipality of Kisbajcs in the county of Győr. Consequently, a restriction zone was established in the Slovak Republic, extending into the districts of Dunajská Streda and Komárno. Within the restricted zone, veterinary were ordered by the local authorities of the RVPS Dunajská Streda and the RVPS Komárno. In the holdings of susceptible animals, i.e. solipeds, within the restriction zone, inter alia, clinical inspections were ordered and, in the event of the detection of clinical signs that could indicate the presence of foot-and-mouth disease in the holding, the collection of appropriate samples for the purpose of laboratory examination for the presence of the causative agent of the disease, i.e. disease virus, or the presence of antibodies to the causative agent of the disease, was ordered.


On 21.03.2025 the National Reference Laboratory for Foot-and-Mouth Disease (State Veterinary and Food Institute - Veterinary Institute in Zvolen) reported to the Chief Veterinarian of the Slovak Republic the positive results of laboratory tests of samples (CP10618/2025, CP10619/2025, CP10620/2025) taken on 20.03.2025 on three farms. The samples were taken following the suspicion of disease on the farm, due to the presence of clinical signs (fever, lesions in the oral cavity and on the udder).

On the basis of the above, the Chief Veterinarian of the Slovak Republic orders, pursuant to Article 6(5)(a) and in accordance with Article 34(1)(b) of Act No 39/2007 . on Veterinary Care, as , the following extraordinary emergency measures on the basis of the spread of foot-and-mouth on the territory of the Slovak Republic in view of the fact that the said disease may pose a serious danger to animal health.

Lessons learned:

The general rules on administrative procedure shall not apply to the ordering of emergency measures pursuant to Article 52(1)(h) and (n) of Act No 39/2007 . on Veterinary Care as amended.




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To note: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic