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Your Letter

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Subject: Foot and Mouth Disease – 3 outbreaks in a commercial cattle holdings in Slovakia

Dear Dr. Van Goethem,

Hereby I would like to inform you about confirmed outbreaks of the foot and mouth disease (FMD) in three commercial farms of cattle. The positive results have been confirmed by the PCR tests performed by the National Reference Laboratory for FMD – State Veterinary and Food Institute (VI Zvolen).

All outbreaks were confirmed in the county of Dunajská Streda, Trnava region, Slovakia on 21/03/2025 (suspicion on 20/03/2025). The first outbreak is located at Medveďov (GPS Lat.: 47.8049, GPS Lng.: 17.6666; **670 heifers**), the second one in Ňárád (GPS Lat.: 47.8433, GPS Lng.: 17.6214; **790 dairy cattle**) and the third one in Baka (GPS Lat.: 47.9097, GPS Lng.: 17.5387; **1 311 dairy cattle**) close to the Slovak-Hungarian border. Red circles represent Slovak outbreaks and blue circles represent Hungarian outbreak.

The surveillance zone extends into the territory of Hungary and the Hungarian CVO has been already informed.

The epidemiological investigation is ongoing. Depopulation will start by tomorrow, 22/03/2025. Veterinary measures are being applied at the positive farms and in the restricted zone (3 km protection zone and 10 km surveillance zone), all the measures implemented are in accordance with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687. Within 3km zone the of each outbreak preventive culling of susceptible animals will be performed.

We have issued emergency measures for whole territory of the Slovak Republic. We prohibit:

1. any movement of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and other cloven-hoofed animals, including farm animals (hereinafter as “susceptible animals”), except for necessary transport within the same holding. This prohibition also applies to any movement of susceptible animals from other countries to the Slovak Republic and from the territory of the Slovak Republic to other countries;



2. international transport or transit of susceptible animals through the territory of the districts of Komárno and Dunajská Streda. In the case of other districts, international transport with loading and unloading outside the territory of the Slovak Republic is only possible without stopping and unloading in the territory of the Slovak Republic, with priority given to main roads;

3. any movement of animals through the border crossings Čunovo/Rusovce – Rajka, Medveďov – Vámoszabadi, Komárno – Komárom and Štúrovo – Esztergom;

4. the organization of all mass events, markets, exhibitions and gatherings of susceptible animals;

5. the entry of unauthorized persons into the holdings of susceptible animals.

We ordered for all breeders of susceptible animals throughout the entire Slovak Republic:

1. the use of appropriate disinfectants when entering and exiting buildings for housing susceptible animals;

2. a person entering or leaving a farm with susceptible animals must comply with the hygiene measures necessary to reduce the risk of spreading FMD virus and thoroughly disinfect all means of transport;

3. cleaning and disinfection of means of transport and other vehicles and equipment that have been used to transport of susceptible animals or materials that may be contaminated, such as animal carcasses, feed, manure, slurry and others, as soon as possible after contamination;

4. reporting without delay any suspicion of FMD symptoms to the relevant district veterinary and food administration;

5. disposing of dead animals exclusively in a processing (rendering) facility;

6. closing all exhibitions for presenting animals to the public, including zoos and circuses, where susceptible animals are kept.

Also the controls of vehicles have been started on whole Slovak territory.

We will keep you informed about further developments.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Map of the outbreaks with restricted zones



