The agreement between
Austria (The Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs)
and
Slovenia (The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (AFSVSPP))

concerning movements of BTV susceptible animals from BTV 4 restricted zones in Slovenia to Austria in 2017


According to Article 8, paragraph 1, point b) of Regulation (EC) 1266/2007

Considering that the Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection has proposed an agreement to reduce the period for moving of animals to Austria to BTV 4 free areas following vaccination against serotype 4 of the bluetongue virus (BTV 4) as indicated in Annex III, paragraph 5 of Regulation (EC) 1266/2007;

It was agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Movements of BTV susceptible animals older than 90 days vaccinated with authorized vaccine and originating from the BTV 4 restriction zone in Republic of Slovenia are allowed if 10 (ten) days have elapsed from the completion of vaccination (two doses in cattle and goats within the interval of 21 days, one dose in sheep).
2. The obligatory vaccination program against BTV 4 is carried out in Slovenia.
3. The following wording should be inserted into the health certificates accompanying the animals as referred to in point 1 of this Article in conformity with point A.5 of Annex III of Regulation (EC) 1266/2007 in part BTAS:

"Animal(s) vaccinated against bluetongue serotype/s ...(insert serotype/s) with........ (insert name of the vaccine, date of vaccination) with an inactivated / modified live vaccine (indicate, as appropriate) in conformity with Annex III.A(S) to Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007."

Article 2

1. Movements of BTV susceptible animals from the BTV 4 restriction zone in Republic of Slovenia, that are younger than 90 days are allowed without any laboratory investigation if they were born to dams, vaccinated against BTV 4.
2. The following wording should be added to the health certificates accompanying the animals as referred to in Article 2 in conformity with point A.5 of Annex III of Regulation (EC) 1266/2007:

"Animal(s) born from dams vaccinated against BTV4 in accordance with Regulation {EC} 1266/2007."
Article 3

1. In TRACES health certificates accompanying the animals in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of this agreement should be under point BT-2 indicated: "animal[s] complying with Article 8 (1) (b) of Regulation (EC) No. 1266/2007".

2. This Agreement shall be sent to the European Commission according to paragraph 2 of Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No. 1266/2007. Any changes or amendments to the agreement will be agreed and applied in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 8 of Regulation (EC) 1266/2007.

3. Slovenian Authorities shall provide to the Austrian Authorities regular updates on the epidemiological situation as regards BTV circulation and information on entomological surveillance, where relevant.

4. The provisions of this agreement are effective unless changes are made to the Union legislation on BTV, which could affect the agreement.

5. This agreement shall be effective as long as it meets with mutual approval of both parties. It shall no longer applies if one of the parties wishes to cancel the agreement. In such case the agreement is discontinued at the earliest one month after receipt of official letter of cancelation.

6. In case of non-conformity with this agreement, the Austrian authorities may withdraw unilaterally and officially notify to both the European Commission and the Slovenian Authorities.

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