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Article 1

This Decision lays down certain protective measures to prevent the spread of peste des petits ruminants in the Union.

It applies to small ruminants, and to the semen, ova and embryos of those animals, as well as certain commodities of those animals.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Decision, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) ‘small ruminants’: means any animal of the ovine or caprine species;

(b) ‘animal by-products’: means animal by-products as defined in point (1) of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council [1];

(c) ‘derived products’: means derived products as defined in point (2) of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.

In addition, the definitions set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council [2] shall apply.

Article 3

Bulgaria shall prohibit the dispatch of the following commodities from the areas listed in the Annex to other parts of Bulgaria, and to other Member States and to third countries:

(a) small ruminants;

(b) semen, ova and embryos of small ruminants.

[1] Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation) (OJ L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 1).

[2] Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55).

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Article 3a

1. Bulgaria shall prohibit the dispatch of the following commodities within the areas listed in the Annex:

(a) small ruminants;

(b) semen, ova and embryos of small ruminants.

2. By way of derogation from the prohibition provided for in point (1) of this Article, the competent authority may authorise the movements of small ruminants to a destination located within the areas listed in the Annex, provided that the holding of origin is not subject to any of the restrictions provided for in Directive 92/119/EEC in relation to peste des petits ruminants and the small ruminants comply with the following conditions:

(a) All the small ruminants at the holding of origin were clinically checked on the day of dispatch and did not show any clinical symptoms of peste des petites ruminants;

(b) The small ruminants are dispatched directly to a slaughterhouse designated by the competent authority and located within the areas listed in the Annex, in order to be slaughtered immediately;

(c) The small ruminants were subjected to a diagnostic test for the detection of antibodies against peste des petits ruminants with negative results no more than 7 days prior to the date of dispatch;

(d) A serological survey was conducted at the holding of origin, no more than 14 days before the date of dispatch, involving sampling of a sufficient number of small ruminants to detect at least a sero-prevalence of 5 % with 95 % level of confidence, with negative results.

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Article 4

1. Bulgaria shall prohibit the placing on the market of the following commodities outside the areas listed in the Annex, where such commodities are produced from small ruminants coming from the areas listed in the Annex:

(a) fresh meat;

(b) minced meat and meat preparations produced from the meat referred to in point (a);

(c) meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption produced from the meat referred to in point (a), other than those which have undergone a treatment to eliminate certain animal health risks in accordance with Annex III to Council Directive 2002/99/EC ([1]);

([1]) Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption (OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11).

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(d) raw milk and dairy products, other than those that have undergone a treatment in hermetically sealed containers with an F0 value of 3,00 or more, as described in Annex III to Directive 2002/99/EC;

(e) products containing the commodities referred to in points (a) to (d);

(f) animal by-products.

2. By way of derogation from the prohibition laid down in paragraph 1(f) of this Article, the competent authority may authorise the dispatch of animal by-products under official supervision destined for processing into derived products or disposal in a plant approved by it for that purpose within the territory of Bulgaria in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.

Article 5

Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/911 is repealed.

Article 6

This Decision shall apply until 28 December 2018.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Bulgaria.

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ANNEX

The following provinces in Bulgaria:

— the province of Yambol,

— the province of Burgas,

— the province of Haskovo.