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Pursuant to Article 63, paragraph 3 and Articles 64 and 125 of the Law on Veterinary Medicine (Official Gazette of the RS Nos. 91/05, 30/10, 93/12 and 17/19 – other law),

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management hereby issues the following

ORDER

on taking measures for the purpose of prevention of entering, outbreak, spread and control of the Peste des Petits Ruminants infectious disease in the Republic of Serbia

1. For the purpose of prevention of entering, outbreak, spread and control of the Peste des petits ruminants (hereinafter: PPR) infectious disease in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, the import and transit of consignments shall be prohibited of the following:

1) live domestic and wild sheep and goats;

2) semen, embryos and fertilized ova originating from domestic and wild sheep and goats;

3) meat originating from domestic and wild sheep and goats;

4) meat products originating from domestic and wild sheep and goats;

5) milk originating from domestic and wild sheep and goats;

6) dairy products originating from domestic and wild sheep and goats;

7) by-products and derived by-products originating from domestic and wild sheep and goats.

2. The prohibition of import and transit referred to in item 1 of this Order shall apply to consignments originating from countries with suspected or confirmed cases of the PPR infectious disease in domestic and wild sheep and goats.

3. The prohibition of import and transit of consignments referred to in item 1, sub-item 1) of this Order shall also apply to consignments transported through the protection, surveillance or further restricted (hereinafter: restricted) zones in countries with suspected or confirmed cases of the PPR infectious disease.

4. Exceptionally, the transit of consignments referred to in item 1 of this Order through the restricted zone may be carried out in a safe manner without stopping in these zones, in accordance with the law governing veterinary medicine in the part relating to veterinary and sanitary control and international transport due to the risk of infectious disease entering the Republic of Serbia.

5. If it is established that there is an imminent risk of the disease outbreak in the Republic of Serbia based on the number of cases or outbreaks, or the prevalence and duration of PPR in parts of the countries in which it is present, taking into account the possible indirect entry of the disease agent, the ministry responsible for veterinary affairs may temporarily prohibit the import of other domestic and wild ruminants, products, by-products and derived products originating from these animals or from facilities located within the restricted zone.

6. In the event that the outbreak of the PPR infectious disease occurs in the immediate vicinity of the state border of the Republic of Serbia whose restricted zone extends into the territory of the Republic of Serbia, measures shall be implemented for the purpose of prevention of entering, outbreak and spread of the disease, in accordance with a special regulation governing crisis management.

7. In the event of suspected cases of PPR in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, measures shall be implemented in accordance with the law governing veterinary medicine and the European Union and the World Organization for Animal Health Health (hereinafter: WOAH) standards.

8. If the PPR is confirmed in the territory of the Republic of Serbia, measures shall be implemented in accordance with the law governing veterinary medicine and European Union and WOAH standards, and the restricted zone shall be established consisting of:

1) protection zone, within a radius of at least 3 km around the outbreak location;

2) surveillance zone, within a radius of at least 10 km around the outbreak location;

3) further restricted zone where restrictive measures are implemented, in accordance with the risk assessment and episiootiological situation regarding the PPR infectious disease.

9. On the date of entry into force of this Order, the Order on taking measures for the prevention of entering, oubreak, spread and control of the Peste des petits ruminants infectious disease into the Republic of Serbia ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 72/24) shall cease to be valid.

10. This Order shall enter into force on the day following the date of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

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In Belgrade, on 14 November 2024

Minister,

**Aleksandar Martinović,** PhD., signed