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Subject: Foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreaks in Slovakia, new measures in place

Message:

Please find attached information from the competent authority of Slovakia.

Three FMD outbreaks were confirmed on 21 March 2025 in dairy cattle establishments in Dunajská Streda County, Trnava region, near the Hungarian border (see attached map).

Depopulation is planned to begin on 22 March 2025. A 3 km protection zone and 10 km surveillance zone have been established around the outbreaks as per EU legislation. Emergency measures apply across Slovakia, including a temporary ban on all movement of susceptible animals, international transit through affected areas, and mass events involving such animals. Controls on vehicles are in place.

The European Commission is currently reviewing the measures in place and will hold an exceptional meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on Monday 24 March 2025.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
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