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Answer given by Ms Kyriakides
on behalf of the Commission
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The Greek authorities informed the Commission as soon as the first outbreak of peste des petits ruminants (PPR) was confirmed and close exchanges continue through the Animal Disease Information System and regular information notes. Imports of animals from third countries are strictly regulated and harmonised at EU level and Greece is applying the EU rules in that respect.

Greece is implementing the control measures set out in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687¹. These include the culling and destruction of small ruminants in the affected farms and the establishment of protection, surveillance and further restricted zones, including restrictions in the movements of animals and products, with the primary focus to prevent any further spread of the disease. Dedicated PPR measures at EU level are set out for Greece in Commission Implementing Decision 2024/2132².

In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2021/690³ and Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 8926⁴, in particular Annex 3⁵, control measures implemented by Greece against PPR in its territory, such as culling of animals, compensation to owners for the value of the animals culled, disinfections of holdings, e.t.c., may be eligible for EU co-funding, at a maximum rate of 30%.

Moreover, through their CAP Strategic Plans and in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, Member States may provide support for investments in preventive actions and for restoration of agricultural potential based on the identified needs and intervention strategy⁶.

¹ http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj

² http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2024/2132/oj

³ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/690/oj>

⁴ C(2023) 8926 final, Commission Implementing Decision of 21 December 2023 on the financing of the Programme for the internal market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, the area of plants, animals, food and feed, and European Statistics and the adoption of the work programme for 2024-2027 https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6150e32-3fa5-4276-923b-a36faf4fec1e_en?filename=C_2023_8926_F1_COMMISSION_IMPLEMENTING_DECISION_EN_V3_P1_3119489.PDF

⁵ Annex 3 to C(2023) 8926 final, Commission Implementing Decision of 21 December 2023 https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/c69d5f53-6966-420f-8628-7ff84bf91646_en?filename=C_2023_8926_F1_ANNEX_EN_V2_P1_3132789.PDF

⁶ Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.