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The Invasive Alien Species Regulation¹ already provides for transitional measures for certain obligations. For example, Articles 13.1 and 13.2 allow Member States a period of 18 months to analyse pathways of unintentional introduction and three years to establish action plans. Additionally, Articles 31 and 32 include transitional provisions for non-commercial owners of companion animals and holders of commercial stocks of listed species. These provisions aim to provide flexibility and allow for an adjustment period while ensuring the effective implementation of the regulation.

In a few cases, the inclusion of new species on the Union list has been deferred to allow Member States time to prepare. For instance, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1422² deferred obligations for the North American mink and the North American beaver to give Member States sufficient time to prepare for their inclusion.

The Commission is not aware of any specific plans for national guidelines or interpretations in this regard. EU regulations are binding legislative acts that must be applied in their entirety in all Member States.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35–55.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1422 of 17 July 2025 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1141 to update the list of invasive alien species of Union concern, OJ L, 2025/1422, 18.7.2025.