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on behalf of the European Commission
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Lumpy skin disease (LSD) control measures are laid down in the Animal Health Law (Regulation (EU) 2016/429¹), and its delegated act², aligned with World Organisation for Animal Health standards and based on scientific assessments by the European Food Safety Authority³. Although LSD is non-zoonotic, its classification and control measures reflect its serious animal health and socio-economic impact and remain appropriate. See also Commission's reply to P-004478/2025⁴.

The framework provides for surveillance, containment and vaccination, including emergency protective vaccination in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361⁵.

The Commission continuously monitors the animal health situation, acknowledges the economic impacts of animal diseases to the sector and supports Member States through coordination, technical and financial assistance within the Single Market Programme⁶ and measures under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)^{7, 8, 9}.

¹ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>.

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases *OJ L 174*, 3.6.2020, http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj.

³ <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7121>.

⁴ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-004478-ASW_EN.html.

⁵ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361 of 28 November 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards rules for the use of certain veterinary medicinal products for the purpose of prevention and control of certain listed diseases (*OJ L 52*, 20.2.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2023/361/oj).

⁶ Single Market Programme <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/EN/legal-content/summary/single-market-programme.html>.

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2115&qid=1757948393327>.

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0236>.

⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52025PC0560>.