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on behalf of the European Commission
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As set out in the Commission's replies to questions P-004478/2025¹ and P-004688/2025², infection with Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) is categorised as a Category A disease under the Animal Health Law (AHL, Regulation (EU) 2016/429³). Therefore, it requires Union-level intervention, and immediate eradication measures must be taken upon its detection due to the seriousness of its impact on animal health, the economy, society, and the environment. The appropriateness of this categorisation has been assessed in light of the disease profile and impact criteria laid down in Articles 5 and 7 of the AHL and supported by scientific evidence from the European Food Safety Authority⁴, the EU Reference laboratory and the World Organisation for Animal Health. Based on this assessment, the Commission has concluded that the current categorisation is appropriate and proportionate to the identified risk. No re-categorisation is deemed necessary.

The Commission continuously monitors the animal health situation in the Union territory and recognises the economic impact of animal diseases on the livestock sector. Considering the impact and consequences of disease outbreaks, it supports Member States through financial and technical assistance, including under the Single Market Programme and measures within the Common Agricultural Policy^{5,6,7}.

¹ Action protocols for new outbreaks of lumpy skin disease: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-004478_EN.html.

² Spread of lumpy skin disease (LSD): https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-004688_EN.html.

³ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>.

⁴ <https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7121>.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2115&qid=1757948393327>.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0236>.

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52025PC0560>.