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Control measures for lumpy skin disease (LSD), including vaccination, are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2016/429¹ ('Animal Health Law'), Delegated Regulations (EU) 2020/687² and (EU) 2023/361³, and are aligned with the World Organisation for Animal Health standards and based on the latest science assessed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)⁴.

The Union antigen, vaccine and diagnostic reagent banks support Member States during the early stages of vaccination campaigns against certain Category A diseases, including LSD. The rules for accessing the resources of these banks are laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/140⁵.

Following the first notifications of the LSD in the three currently affected Member States, a total of 775000 vaccine doses were delivered from the LSD Union vaccine bank to Spain France and Italy, enabling the prompt initiation of the vaccination campaigns in the designated restricted zones. The Commission has planned procurement actions to replenish the LSD Union vaccine bank. While preventive vaccination against LSD is not permitted, emergency protective vaccination is authorised where the epidemiological situation so requires, under the conditions set out in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361.

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 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).

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

⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/140 of 16 November 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the Union antigen, vaccine and diagnostic reagent banks, OJ L 23, 2.2.2022, pp. 11–21 http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/140/oj.