

# **FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)**

## **CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS AND LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

### **Response to FMD outbreak in Cyprus confirmed on 20 February 2026**

**Situation as of 16/03/2026**

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE)  
Unit G2: Animal Health**

This document summarises basic information on the outbreaks of FMD in Cyprus and related EU action. It focuses on the animal health aspects.

For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the Official Journal and the [European Commission's foot and mouth disease webpage](#). EU legal texts -such as Commission Decisions and Regulations- can be accessed via the [EUR-Lex](#) webpages.

For more general information on animal health and animal diseases, please refer to the [European Commission's webpage](#). Weekly updates on notifications of animal diseases in the Animal Disease Information System ([ADIS](#)) are published [here](#).

As regards international organisations, please refer to the [FMD web pages of the World Organisation for Animal Health \(WOAH\)](#) and the [European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease \(EuFMD\)](#).

Info-notes on FMD occurrences in Member States (MS) and information on the Commission's work are sent to EU Member States and many third countries trading with the EU. These documents are referenced on yearly basis for each disease, starting each year with Info-note 01.

Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission, Member States' authorities and stakeholders	Legislative action
Friday 13/03/2026	CY	Publication of emergency measures	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/582 of 11 March 2026 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/484 (notified under document C(2026) 1758) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union L, 2026/582, 13.3.2026. ELI: <a href="http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/582/oj">http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/582/oj</a>	Y
Wednesday 11/03/2026	CY	Adoption of emergency measures	<b>FMD Info Note 05/2026</b> regarding the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/484.	Y
Thursday 05/03/2026	CY	Information from CY	<b>FMD Info Note 04/2026</b> with information from Cyprus providing an update on the epidemiological situation and the measures being applied (e.g. census, reinforced surveillance, vaccination).	
Saturday 28/02/2026	CY	Delivery of vaccines from the EU antigen bank for FMD	The European Commission delivered 529 000 doses of FMD serotype SAT1 vaccine to the competent authority of the Republic of Cyprus. More information: <a href="https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/diseases-and-control-measures/foot-and-mouth-disease/support-cy_en">https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/diseases-and-control-measures/foot-and-mouth-disease/support-cy_en</a>	
Friday 27/02/2026	CY	Information from CY	<b>FMD Info Note 03/2026</b> with information from Cyprus confirming that: i) complete standstill all over Cyprus of all animals of susceptible species, ii) suspension of certification for intra EU trade of all movements of live animals of susceptible species, and iii) no dispatch of raw milk to other Member States, have all already been implemented by the competent authority of Cyprus.	
Thursday 26/02/2026	CY	Results from EURL	The EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for FMD confirmed the detection of FMD virus from samples received from Cyprus (genome detected). Further analyses are pending (virus isolation and sequence characterisation).	
Thursday 26/02/2026	CY	Publication of interim emergency measures	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/484 of 25 February 2026 concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus (notified under document C(2026) 1391) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union L, 2026/484, 26.2.2026. ELI: <a href="http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/484/oj">http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/484/oj</a>	Y

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Wednesday 25/02/2026	CY	Adoption of interim emergency measures	<b>FMD Info Note 02/2026</b> regarding the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain interim emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Cyprus.	Y
Wednesday 25/02/2026	CY	Information from CY	<b>FMD Info Note 01/2026</b> with information from Cyprus on the FMD SAT1 outbreaks and the measures being applied. The Commission dispatched EUVET on site to support the authorities with tailored epidemiological and technical advice and is organising an additional vaccine shipment.	
Tuesday 24/02/2026	CY	Dispatch of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET)	The Commission, on request of the Cypriot authorities, dispatched the <a href="#">EU Veterinary Emergency Team</a> on the spot to provide tailored technical support.	
Monday 23/02/2026	CY	Results from EURL	The EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for FMD confirmed the detection of FMD virus from samples received from Cyprus. The virus belong to FMD SAT1/III, closely related to viruses detected recently in West Asia (Azerbaijan, Iran, Israel, Lebanon and Türkiye).	
Saturday 21/02/2026	CY	Information from CY	The Competent Authority notified three outbreaks of FMD in the district of Larnaca through the Animal Disease Information System (see <a href="#">here</a> for the published information).	
Thursday 19/02/2026	CY	WOAH suspends FMD free status	The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) FMD free status of Cyprus is suspended as of Thursday 19/02/2026 further to the immediate notification of Cyprus of 21/02/2026. <a href="https://www.woah.org/en/disease/foot-and-mouth-disease/#ui-id-2">https://www.woah.org/en/disease/foot-and-mouth-disease/#ui-id-2</a>	
Monday 19-20/02/2026		Meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed	The Commission organised a meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) section Animal Health and Welfare where Cyprus reported on the reception of the vaccines FMD SAT1 vaccines from the EU antigen bank. The Committee took note of the risks for Union and the measures taken. The EURL reported on the analysis of the samples and confirming the SAT1/topotype III serotype. Presentations from the PAFF committee meetings section Animal Health and Welfare are available here: <a href="https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#2026">https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#2026</a>	

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Monday 19/01/2026	CY	The EURL received the field samples	Samples from Cyprus arrived at the EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for FMD.	
Friday 19-21/12/2025	CY	Dispatch of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team (EUVET)	The Commission, on request of the Cypriot authorities, dispatched the <a href="#">EU Veterinary Emergency Team</a> on the spot to provide tailored technical support.	
Friday 19/12/2025	CY	Suspicion in CY	<b>FMD Info Note 54/2025</b> with information received on a strong suspicion of FMD in a village in an area of Cyprus in which the Government of the Republic of Cyprus does not exercise effective control. The Commission is dispatching the EUVET team.	
Monday 15/12/2025		Meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed	The Commission organised a meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) section Animal Health and Welfare where Cyprus reported on the suspicions related FMD outbreaks in the areas of the Republic of Cyprus which are not under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. The Committee took note of the risks for Union. Presentations from the PAFF committee meetings section Animal Health and Welfare are available here: <a href="https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#2025">https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/committees/paff-committees/animal-health-and-welfare/presentations_en#2025</a>	