



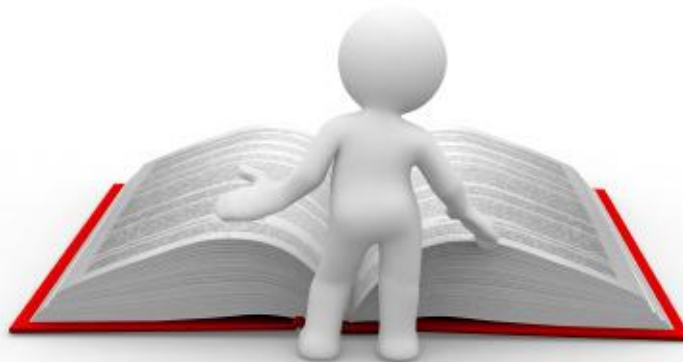
# Disease control measures within the framework of the Animal health law

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# Introduction Animal Health Law

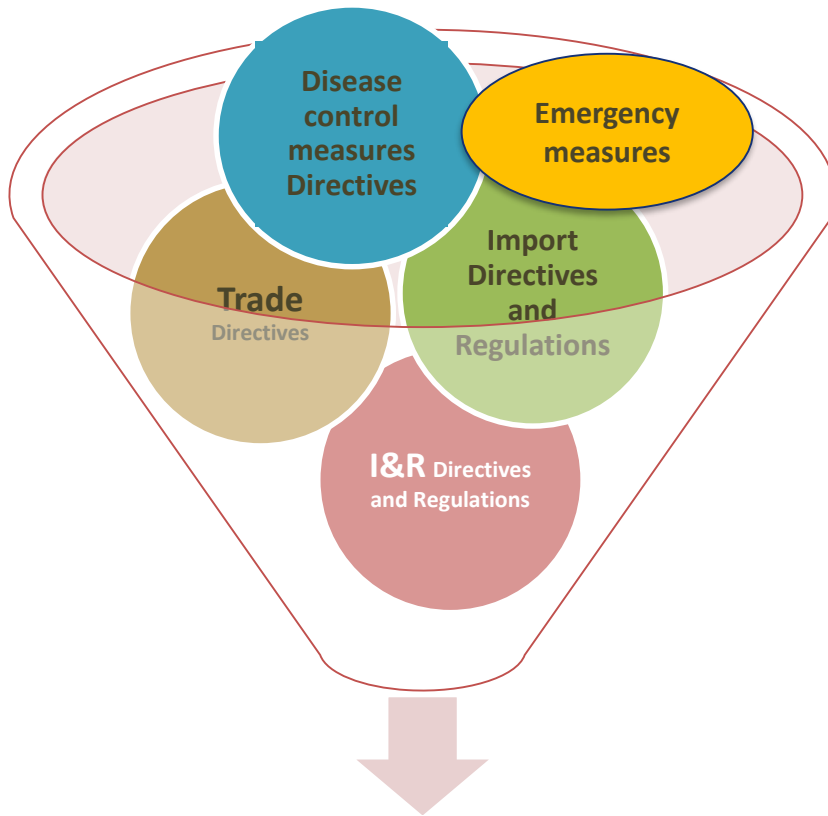


## Animal Health Law

- ✓ **Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases ('Animal Health Law') (AHL)**
  - ✓ adopted by the European Parliament and the Council in March 2016
  - ✓ will apply from 21 April 2021
  - ✓ is/will be complemented by additional rules



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**Based on:**

- Evaluation of the EU Animal Health policy 1995-2004 (2006)
- AH Strategy "Prevention is better than cure" (2008)
- 2 Impact Assessments (Strategy and AHL)
- Number of consultations



A new Animal Health Strategy  
for the European Union (2007-2013) where  
"Prevention is better than cure"



**AHL: one single legal framework for the EU animal health policy**



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# AHL- Subject matter

## About?

- ✓ General principles for **transmissible animal diseases** in:
  - ✓ Kept and wild animals and their products
  - ✓ Terrestrial, aquatic and other animals (e.g. reptiles)
- ✓ Animal health rules for:
  - ✓ **Disease prevention**
  - ✓ **Disease surveillance, control and eradication**
  - ✓ **Intra-EU movements and entry into the EU of animals and products**
  - ✓ **Emergency measures**

## Not about?

- ✓ **Not in scope:**
  - ✓ **Animal welfare**
  - ✓ **EU veterinary expenditure**
  - ✓ **Feed, medicated feed**
  - ✓ **Veterinary medicines (VMP)**
  - ✓ **Veterinary education**
  - ✓ **Official controls**

- ✓ **Specific rules remain in place for:**
  - ✓ **Animal by-products**
  - ✓ **TSE rules**
  - ✓ **Certain zoonoses**



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# Structure of the AHL

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**PART II** – rules for surveillance, eradication programmes, and disease-free status for certain listed and emerging diseases

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## Basic rules on disease control measures

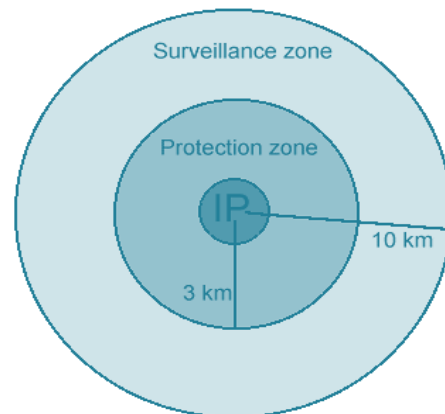
- ✓ **Articles 53 to 83 of the AHL**
- ✓ It provides for **basic rules** on disease control measures for **category A, B and C diseases** for **terrestrial and aquatic kept and wild animals**:
  - ✓ **Obligations on operators**
  - ✓ **Investigation by the competent authority**
  - ✓ **Preliminary disease control measures**
  - ✓ **Epidemiological enquiry**
  - ✓ **Disease confirmation**
  - ✓ **Disease control measures after confirmation in affected establishments and epidemiologically linked establishments**
  - ✓ **Establishment of restricted zones and measures to apply therein**
  - ✓ **Emergency vaccination**
- ✓ It empowers the Commission to lay down detailed rules



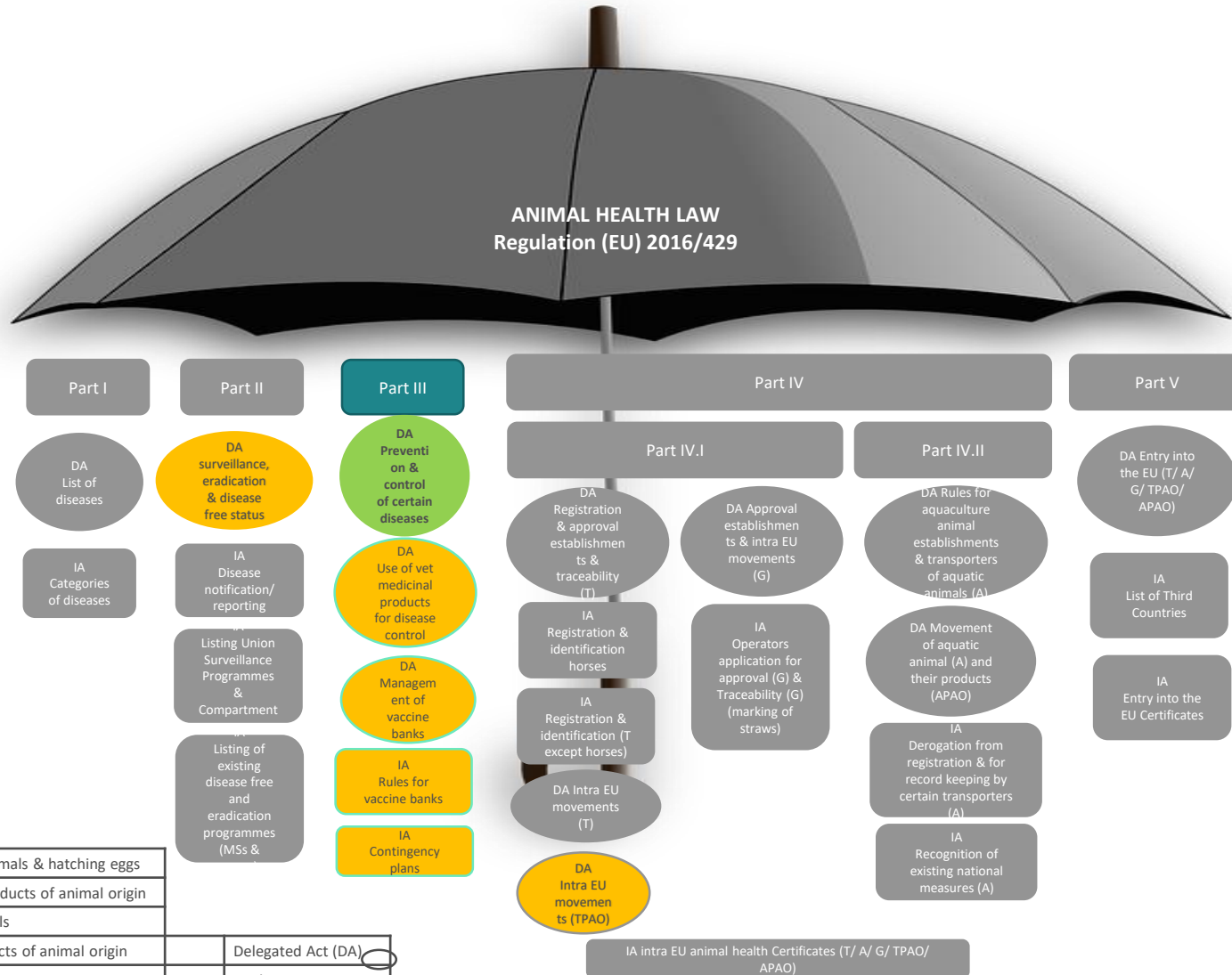


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# Commission Delegated Regulation R (EU) 2020/687 as regards rules for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases



# Disease control measures within the Animal Health Law legal framework

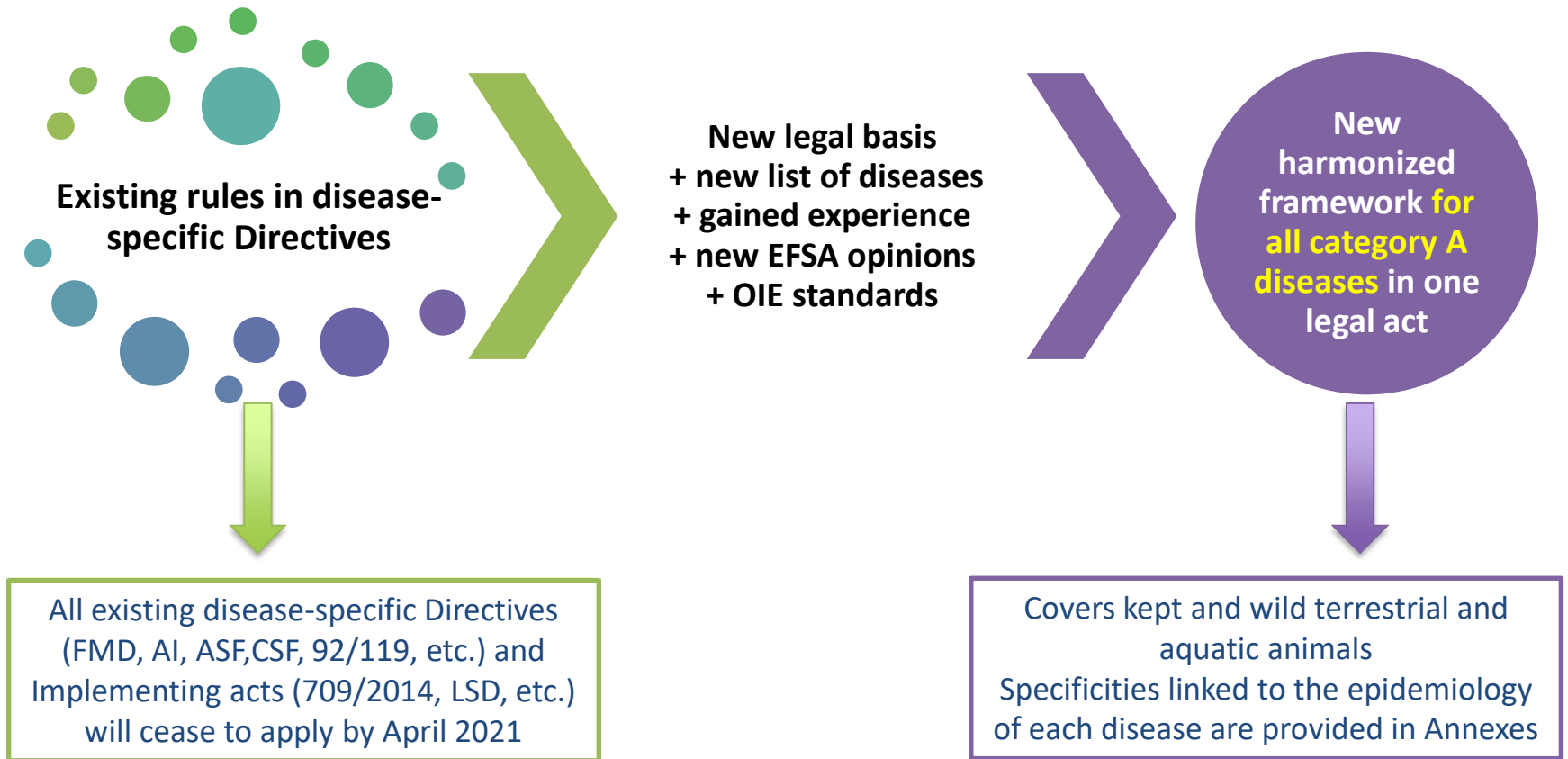


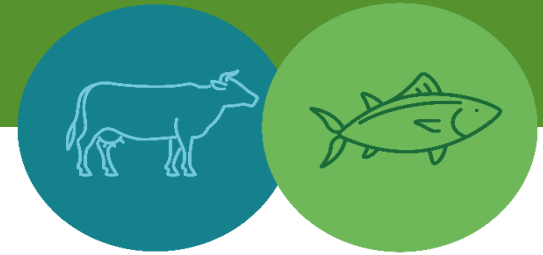
T	Terrestrial animals & hatching eggs	
TPAO	Terrestrial products of animal origin	
A	Aquatic animals	
APAO	Aquatic products of animal origin	Delegated Act (DA)
G	Germinal products	Implementing Act (IA)



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# Overview

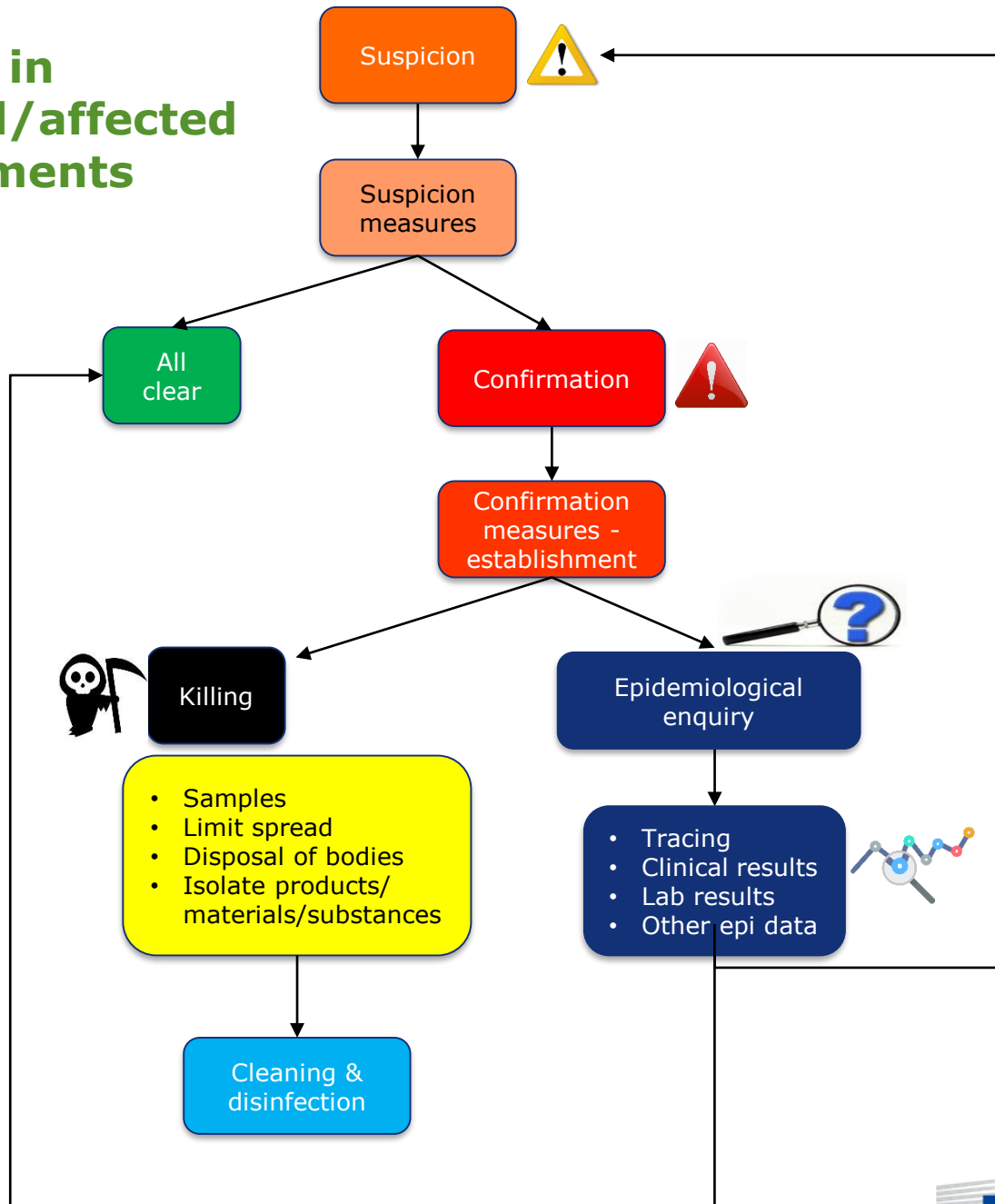




## Content

- ✓ **Supplements** the rules provided for in **Articles 53 to 80 of the AHL**
- ✓ It provides for **detailed and disease specific control measures** for **terrestrial and aquatic kept and wild animals** and includes rules on:
  - ✓ Measures in the event of a suspicion and confirmation of a category A disease (such as FMD) in kept animals
  - ✓ Establishment of a restricted zone:
    - ✓ Size, duration and measures to apply in the protection, surveillance and further restricted zones, including reinforced surveillance and restrictions of movements of animals and products
  - ✓ Repopulation/fallowing of affected establishments
  - ✓ Measures in the event of a suspicion and confirmation of a category A disease in wild animals
  - ✓ Measures for category B and C diseases: reference to R (EU) 2020/689

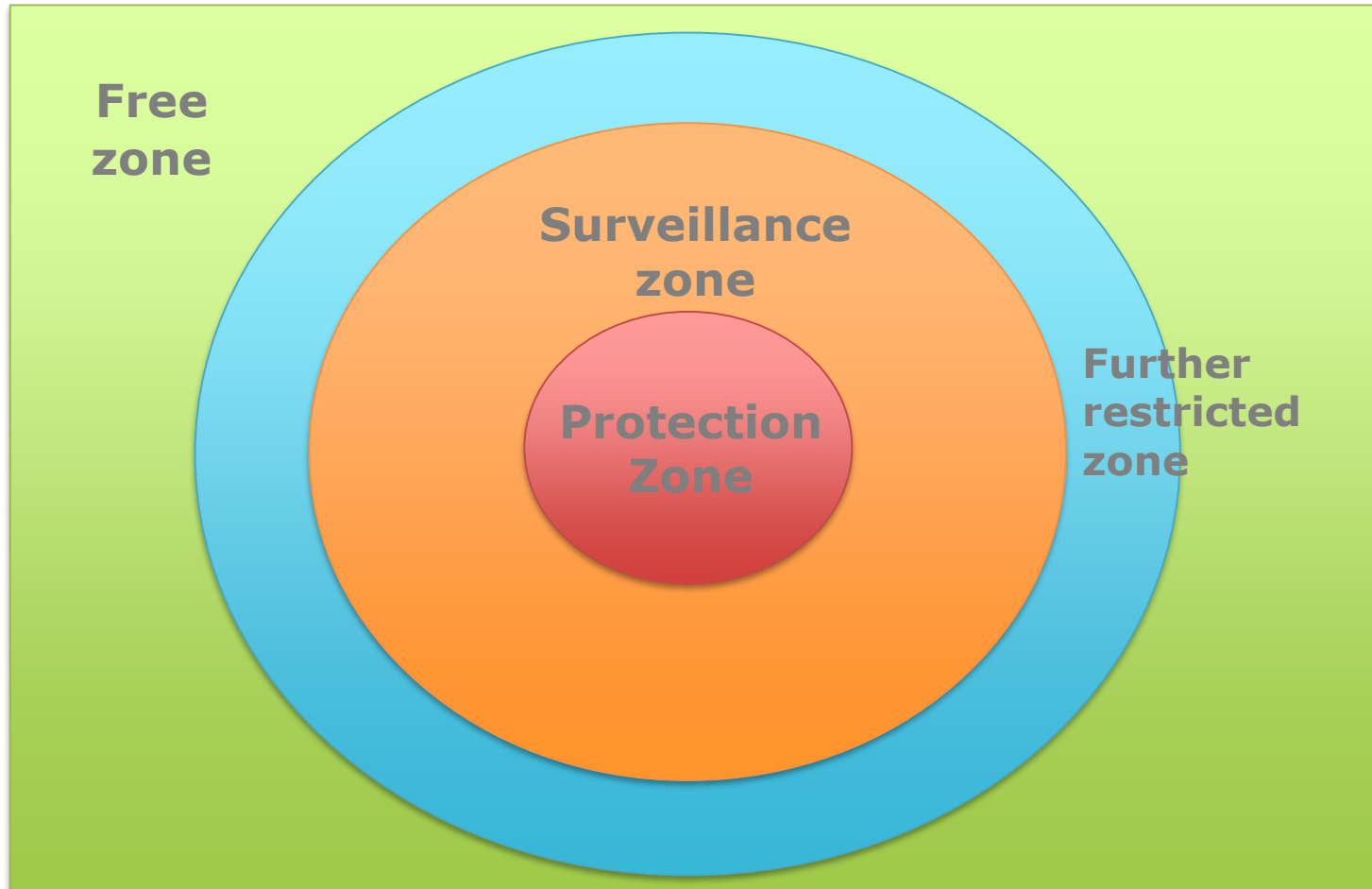
# Measures in suspected/affected establishments





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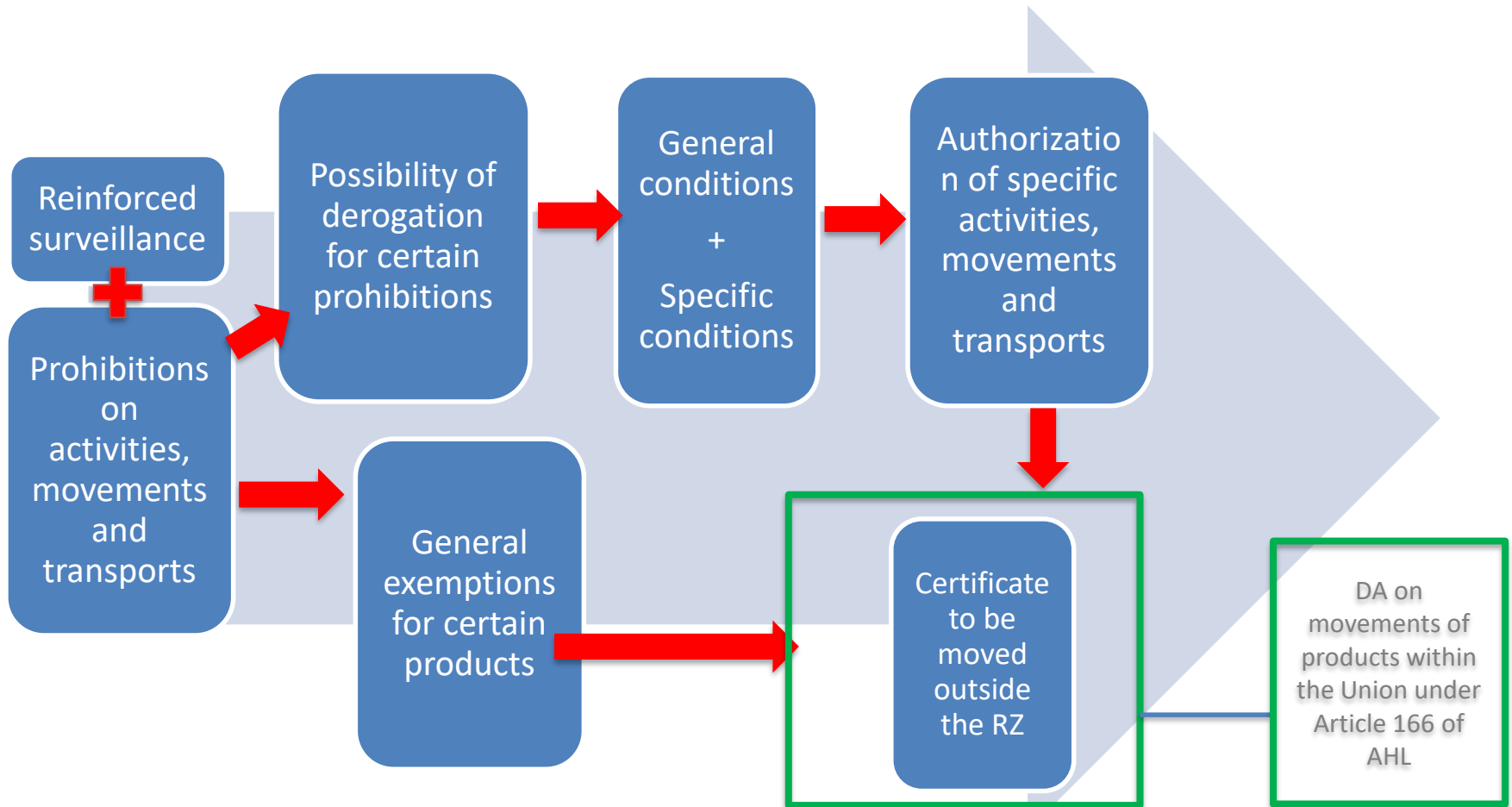
## Establishment of the restricted zone





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## Measures in the restricted zone



## Conclusions

- ✓ **The AHL provides for a unique and harmonised framework as regards the animal health policy in the Union**
- ✓ **It includes basic rules covering all the aspects related to animal health, including disease control measures**
- ✓ **The AHL empowers the Commission to develop more detailed rules by way of delegated and implementing acts**
- ✓ **R(EU) 2020/687 provides for detailed disease specific control measures, focusing in category A diseases such as FMD, to rapidly control the spread of such diseases in the Union and to recover the previous animal health status as soon as possible**
- ✓ **All these new rules are mirroring those current ones which have proven to be effective, which have been updated, complemented and adapted to the new legal framework**