

Fylgiskjal.**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/728****of 8 April 2025****amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 230(1) and 232(1) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 provides that consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin must come from a third country or territory, or zone or compartment thereof, listed in accordance with Article 230(1) of that Regulation in order to enter the Union.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 ⁽²⁾ lays down the animal health requirements that consignments of certain species and categories of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin, from third countries or territories, or zones thereof, or compartments thereof in the case of aquaculture animals, must comply with in order to enter the Union.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 ⁽³⁾ lays down the lists of third countries, or territories, or zones thereof, from which the entry into the Union of the species and categories of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin falling within the scope of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is permitted. Those lists and certain general rules concerning those lists are set out in Annexes I to XXII to that Implementing Regulation.
- (4) More particularly, Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 set out the lists of third countries, or territories, or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union, respectively, of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds.
- (5) The United Kingdom has notified the Commission of seven outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the counties of Cumbria, Durham, Hampshire, and North Yorkshire, England, which were confirmed between 27 March 2025 and 1 April 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (6) The United States has notified the Commission of five outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Indiana (1), New York (3), and Pennsylvania (1), which were confirmed between 20 March 2025 and 28 March 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

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

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 of 30 January 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 379, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/692/oj).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin is permitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/404/oj).

- (7) Following those recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom and the United States established restricted zones of at least 10 km around the affected establishments and implemented a stamping-out policy to control the presence of HPAI and limit the spread of that disease.
- (8) The United Kingdom and the United States have submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on their territories and the measures taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following those recent HPAI outbreaks.
- (9) That information has been evaluated by the Commission. In view of the animal health situation in the areas under restrictions established by the veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom and the United States, the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds from the areas concerned by the recent outbreaks should be suspended, in order to protect the animal health status of the Union. Therefore, the entries for the United Kingdom and the United States in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.
- (10) In addition, Canada has provided updated information to the Commission in relation to the epidemiological situation on its territory as regards HPAI that gave rise to the suspension of the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, as set out in Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.
- (11) On 1 April 2025, Canada submitted updated information on the epidemiological situation in relation to six outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the province of British Columbia, which were confirmed between 21 October 2024 and 21 November 2024 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR), and the subsequent HPAI outbreaks that occurred in those areas in the province of British Columbia.
- (12) Canada informed the Commission that, following those outbreaks of HPAI, it has implemented a stamping out policy in order to control and limit the spread of that disease, and has also completed the requisite cleaning and disinfection following the implementation of the stamping out policy on the infected poultry establishments.
- (13) The Commission has evaluated the information submitted by Canada and considers that it has provided appropriate guarantees that the animal health situation that gave rise to the suspension of the entry of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds into the Union from the affected zone, as set out in Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, no longer represents a threat to animal or public health in the Union, and that, consequently, the entry into the Union of those consignments from the affected zones of Canada, from which entry into the Union had been suspended, should be reauthorised. Therefore, the entries for Canada in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.
- (14) Taking into account the new HPAI outbreaks in the United Kingdom and the United States, and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption in trade with Canada, the amendments to be made to Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 by this Regulation should take effect as a matter of urgency.
- (15) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 April 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex V is amended as follows:

(a) in Part 1, Section B is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.236 and CA-2.237 are replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.236	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		21.10.2024	27.3.2025
	CA-2.237		N, P1		21.10.2024	2.4.2025’

(ii) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.239 and CA-2.240 are replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.239	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		30.10.2024	27.3.2025
	CA-2.240		N, P1		31.10.2024	2.4.2025’

(iii) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.242 is replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.242	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		12.11.2024	27.3.2025’
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(iv) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.245 is replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.245	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		21.11.2024	27.3.2025’
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(v) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following rows for the zones GB-2.370 to GB-2.376 are added after the row for the zone GB-2.369:

‘GB United Kingdom	GB-2.370	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		27.3.2025	
	GB-2.371		N, P1		28.3.2025	
	GB-2.372		N, P1		28.3.2025	
	GB-2.373		N, P1		29.3.2025	
	GB-2.374		N, P1		29.3.2025	
	GB-2.375		N, P1		30.3.2025	
	GB-2.376		N, P1		1.4.2025’	

- (vi) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1012 to US-2.1016 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1011:

‘US United States	US-2.1012	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		28.3.2025	
	US-2.1013		N, P1		27.3.2025	
	US-2.1014		N, P1		20.3.2025	
	US-2.1015		N, P1		26.3.2025	
	US-2.1016		N, P1		27.3.2025	

- (b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

- (i) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following descriptions of the zones GB-2.370 to GB-2.376 are added after the description of the zone GB-2.369:

‘United Kingdom	GB-2.370	Near Thirsk, Thirsk and Malton, North Yorkshire, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N54.20 and Long: W1.42
	GB-2.371	Near Wymondham, Diss, Norfolk, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N52.48 and Long: E1.11
	GB-2.372	Near Blaydon, Blaydon and Consett, Durham, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N54.91 Long: W1.73
	GB-2.373	Near Lazonby, Westmorland and Furness, Cumbria, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N54.71 and Long: W2.71
	GB-2.374	Near Romsey, Test Valley, Hampshire, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N51.01 and Long: W1.56
	GB-2.375	Near Pickering, Thirsk & Malton, North Yorkshire, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N54.28 and Long: W0.84
	GB-2.376	Near Thirsk, Thirsk and Malton, North Yorkshire, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N54.20 Long: W1.42

- (ii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1012 to US-2.1016 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1011:

‘United States	US-2.1012	State of Indiana Kosciusko 01 Kosciusko County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 86.0328374°W 41.3273755°N)
	US-2.1013	State of Pennsylvania Lancaster 39 Lancaster County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 76.0600736°W 39.8994232°N)

	US-2.1014	State of New York Onondaga 02 Onondaga County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 76.1400037°W 43.1600804°N)
	US-2.1015	State of New York Queens 10 Queens County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.7738644°W 40.7872932°N)
	US-2.1016	State of New York Queens 11 Queens County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.8110491°W 40.7686723°N)

(2) in Annex XIV, in Part 1, Section B is amended as follows:

(a) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.236 and CA-2.237 are replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.236	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.10.2024	27.3.2025
		GBM	P1		21.10.2024	27.3.2025
	CA-2.237	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.10.2024	2.4.2025
		GBM	P1		21.10.2024	2.4.2025'

(b) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.239 and CA-2.240 are replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.239	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.10.2024	27.3.2025
		GBM	P1		30.10.2024	27.3.2025
	CA-2.240	POU, RAT	N, P1		31.10.2024	2.4.2025
		GBM	P1		31.10.2024	2.4.2025'

(c) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.242 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.242	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.11.2024	27.3.2025
		GBM	P1		12.11.2024	27.3.2025'

(d) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.245 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.245	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.11.2024	27.3.2025
		GBM	P1		21.11.2024	27.3.2025'

(e) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following row for the zones GB-2.370 to GB-2.376 are added after the row for the zone GB-2.369:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.370	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		27.3.2025	
	GB-2.371	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		28.3.2025	

	GB-2.372	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		28.3.2025	
	GB-2.373	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		29.3.2025	
	GB-2.374	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		29.3.2025	
	GB-2.375	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		30.3.2025	
	GB-2.376	POU, RAT	N, P1		1.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		1.4.2025'	

- (f) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1012 to US-2.1016 are added after the rows for the zone US-2.1011:

US United States	US-2.1012	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		28.3.2025	
	US-2.1013	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		27.3.2025	
	US-2.1014	POU, RAT	N, P1		20.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		20.3.2025	
	US-2.1015	POU, RAT	N, P1		26.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		26.3.2025	
	US-2.1016	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		27.3.2025'	