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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/2268

of 7 October 2026

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 Article 230(1) and Article 232(1), point (b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 provides that consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin from third countries or territories are only to be allowed to enter into the Union if the third countries or territories concerned are listed in accordance with Article 230(1) of that Regulation.
- (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, 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, 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, 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) Canada has notified the Commission of a total of three new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtypes H5N1 and H5 in poultry in the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta, which were confirmed on 23 September 2026 and 25 September 2026, respectively, by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (6) The United Kingdom has notified the Commission of an outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N5 in poultry in the Isle of Lewis in Scotland, which was confirmed on 2 October 2026 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) The United States has notified the Commission of two new outbreaks of HPAI of subtype H5 in poultry in the states of Indiana and Minnesota, which were confirmed on 28 September 2026 and 30 September 2026, respectively, by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (8) Following those recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authorities of Canada, 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.
- (9) Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States have submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on their respective territories and the measures they have taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following those recent HPAI outbreaks.
- (10) 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 Canada, 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 new outbreaks in those third countries should be suspended in order to protect the animal health status of the Union, taking into account the dates when the outbreaks were confirmed. Therefore, the entries for those third countries in the tables set out in Section B of Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B of Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.
- (11) Taking into account the new HPAI outbreaks in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, 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.
- (12) 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, 7 October 2026.

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 following rows for the zones CA-2.343, CA-2.344 and CA-2.345 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.342:

'CA Canada	CA-2.343	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		23.9.2026	
	CA-2.344		N, P1		23.9.2026	
	CA-2.345		N, P1		25.9.2026'	

(ii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.471 is added after the row for the zone GB-2.470:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.471	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		2.10.2026'	
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(iii) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1420 and US-2.1421 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1419:

'US United States	US-2.1420	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		28.9.2026	
	US-2.1421		N, P1		30.9.2026'	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the following descriptions of the zones CA-2.343, CA-2.344 and CA-2.345 are added after the description of the zone CA-2.342:

'Canada	CA-2.343	Manitoba – Latitude 51.13, Longitude -96.95 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Bifrost-Riverton and Riverton 10km SZ: Bifrost-Riverton, Riverton, Shorncliffe, and Washow Bay
	CA-2.344	Manitoba – Latitude 50.14, Longitude -97.53 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Grosse Isle, Rockwood, Rosser and Woodlands 10km SZ: Rockwood, Rosser, Stonewall, Warren, and Woodlands
	CA-2.345	Alberta – Latitude 53.78, Longitude -110.12 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Marwayne and Vermilion River 10km SZ: Marwayne, Tulliby Lake, Vermilion River'

(ii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following description of the zone GB-2.471 is added after the description of the zone GB-2.470:

'United Kingdom	GB-2.471	Ness, Isle of Lewis, Scotland, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N58.50 and Long: W6.25'
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- (iii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1420 and US-2.1421 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1419:

United States	US-2.1420	State of Minnesota Stearns 32 Stearns County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.7644249°W 45.7257142°N)
	US-2.1421	State of Indiana Jay 14 Jay County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.0130028°W 40.6217212°N)

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

- (a) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.343, CA-2.344 and CA-2.345 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.342:

CA Canada	CA-2.343	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.9.2026	
		GBM	P1		23.9.2026	
	CA-2.344	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.9.2026	
		GBM	P1		23.9.2026	
	CA-2.345	POU, RAT	N, P1		25.9.2026	
		GBM	P1		25.9.2026'	

- (b) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following row for the zone GB-2.471 is added after the row for the zone GB-2.470:

GB United Kingdom	GB-2.471	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.10.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.10.2026'	

- (c) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1420 and US-2.1421 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1419:

US United States	US-2.1420	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.9.2026	
		GBM	P1		28.9.2026	
	US-2.1421	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.9.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.9.2026'	