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amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for 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) 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 States has notified the Commission of three outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the states of Iowa (1) and Minnesota (2), which were confirmed on 21 June 2024 and 27 June 2024, respectively, by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(6) Following these recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authority of 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.

([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 submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on its territory and the measures taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following these recent outbreaks in the states of Iowa and Minnesota.

(8) That information has been evaluated by the Commission. The Commission considers that, in view of the animal health situation in the area under restrictions established by the veterinary authority of 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 in the states of Iowa and Minnesota should be suspended, in order to protect the animal health status of the Union.

(9) Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should, therefore, be amended to take account of the current epidemiological situation as regards HPAI in the United States.

(10) Taking into account the current epidemiological situation in the United States as regards HPAI, 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.

(11) 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

Amendments to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

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

Article 2

Entry into force and applicability

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, 4 July 2024.

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, in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.664, US-2.665 and US-2.666 are added after the row for the zone US-2.663:

'**US** United States	US-2.664	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		21.6.2024	
	US-2.665		N, P1		27.6.2024	
	US-2.666		N, P1		27.6.2024'	

(b) in Part 2, in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of zones US-2.664, US-2.665 and US-2.666 are added after the row for the zone US-2.663:

'United States	US-2.664	State of Iowa Sac 04 Sac County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.9790233°W 42.5787866°N)
	US-2.665	State of Minnesota Otter Tail 12 Otter Tail County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 95.6672050°W 46.7548956°N)
	US-2.666	State of Minnesota Swift 09 Swift County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 95.4074309°W 45.4849444°N)'

(2) in Annex XIV, in Part 1, Section B, in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.664, US-2.665 and US-2.666 are added after the rows for the zone US-2.663:

'**US** United States	US-2.664	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.6.2024	
		GBM	P1		21.6.2024	
	US-2.665	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.6.2024	
		GBM	P1		27.6.2024	
	US-2.666	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.6.2024	
		GBM	P1		27.6.2024'	