

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1619**of 19 September 2022****amending Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entry for Botswana in the list of third countries authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of fresh meat of certain ungulates****(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) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 lays down, inter alia, the animal health requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin, and it applies from 21 April 2021. One of those animal health requirements is that those consignments must come from a third country or territory, or zone or compartment thereof, listed in accordance with Article 230(1) of that Regulation.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 ⁽²⁾ supplements Regulation (EU) 2016/429 as regards the animal health requirements for the entry into the Union of 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. Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 provides that consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin falling within its scope may only be permitted to enter into the Union if they come from a third country or territory or zone or compartment thereof, listed for the particular species and categories of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin in accordance with the animal health requirements laid down in that Delegated Regulation.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 ⁽³⁾ establishes the lists of third countries, territories, or zones or compartments thereof, from which the entry into the Union of those species and categories of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin, that fall within the scope of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, is permitted.
- (4) More particularly, Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 sets out the list of third countries, territories, or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of fresh meat of certain ungulates.
- (5) On 30 August 2022, Botswana notified the Commission of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD). That outbreak is located in the Butale Area, the North East Region of that third country and within disease control zone 6b designated by the competent authorities of Botswana, and it was confirmed on 27 August 2022 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1.

⁽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).

⁽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 the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 1).

- (6) The list of third countries, territories, or zones thereof set out in Annex XIII to Regulation (EU) 2021/404 specifies that the entry into the Union from the zone BW-5, consisting of disease control zones 6a and 6b, in Botswana of consignments of fresh meat of certain ungulates is authorised.
- (7) Due to the risk of the introduction of FMD into the Union linked with the entry of consignments of fresh meat of certain ungulates from disease control zone 6b in Botswana, the entry into the Union of such consignments should no longer be authorised.
- (8) The entry for Botswana in the list of third countries, territories, or zones thereof set out in the Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should therefore be amended to take account of the current epidemiological situation in that third country.
- (9) Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be therefore amended accordingly.
- (10) Taking into account the current epidemiological situation in Botswana as regards FMD, the amendments to be made 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

Annex XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 is 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, 19 September 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annex XIII to the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 is amended as follows:

(1) In Part 1, the following entry for the zone BW-6 in Botswana is inserted between the entry for the zone BW-5 in Botswana and the entry for the zone BZ-0 in Belize:

‘BW-6	Bovine animals	BOV	Maturation and de-boning No offal		27.8.2022’	
	Ovine and caprine animals	OVI				
	Farmed game ungulates	RUF				
	Wild game ungulates	RUW				

(2) In Part 2, the entry for Botswana is amended as follows:

(a) the entry for the zone BW-5 in Botswana is replaced by the following:

‘Botswana	BW-5	The veterinary disease control zone 6a’
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(b) the following entry for the zone BW-6 in Botswana is inserted between the entry for the zone BW-5 in Botswana and the entry for the zone NA-1 in Namibia:

‘Botswana	BW-6	The veterinary disease control zone 6b’
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