

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/2329**of 28 November 2022****amending Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Egypt and Türkiye in the list of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain equine animals****(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, 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 or compartments thereof. 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 or 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. The lists and certain general rules concerning the lists are set out in Annexes I to XXII to that Delegated Regulation.
- (4) Annex IV 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 equine animals.
- (5) Türkiye is listed in Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, assigned to Sanitary Group E and regionalised as the zone TR-1 to certain north-western provinces. In December 2020, Türkiye requested the Commission to extend the zone TR-1 from which the entry into the Union of registered horses is authorised by the provinces of Bursa, Eskişehir and Kocaeli and provided guarantees supporting that request.

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

- (6) After evaluation of the documentation provided by Türkiye, the Commission concluded that the guarantees offered by the Turkish central competent authority are sufficient to authorise the entry into and transit through the Union, as well as the re-entry after temporary export of registered horses from the new zone TR-1 in Türkiye.
- (7) Egypt is listed in Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, assigned to Sanitary Group E and regionalised as the zone EG-1 to certain northern governorates. In December 2021, Egypt requested the Commission to authorise the entry into the Union of registered horses from a new zone and provided the Commission with guarantees as regards the establishment of an equine disease free zone at the Police Veterinary Quarantine for Equines at CAIRO/SWISS desert road on the Eastern outskirts of Cairo connected through the Cairo International Airport.
- (8) After evaluation of the documentation provided by Egypt, the Commission concluded that the guarantees offered by the Egyptian central competent authority are sufficient to authorise the entry into and transit through the Union of registered horses from that zone in Egypt.
- (9) Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) As Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 applies from 21 April 2021, in the interest of legal certainty and to facilitate trade, 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 IV 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, 28 November 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

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

(1) in Part 1, in the entry for Egypt, the following zone EG-2 is added:

EG Egypt	EG-2	E	Registered horses	EQUI-X, EQUI-TRANSIT-X'				
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(2) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(a) in the entry for Egypt, the following description of the zone EG-2 is added:

'Egypt	EG-2	The Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ) of about 7,5 acres size, established at the Police Veterinary Quarantine for Equines at CAIRO/SWISS desert road in kilometre 26, on the Eastern outskirts of Cairo, (with its centre at 30°05'21.4"N, 31°28'30.1"E) and the highway passage of about 6 km on the El Rehab Bridge and the Suez Road and the Airport Road to Cairo International Airport.'
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(b) in the entry for Türkiye, the description of the zone TR-1 is replaced by the following:

'Türkiye	TR-1	Provinces of Ankara, Bursa, Edirne, Eskişehir, Istanbul, Izmir, Kırklareli, Kocaeli and Tekirdag.'
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