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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/2032

of 29 July 2024

amending certain Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 as regards the approval or withdrawal of the disease-free status of certain Member States or zones thereof as regards certain listed diseases and the approval of eradication programmes for certain listed diseases

(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 31(4), second subparagraph, and Articles 36(4) and 42(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 lays down disease-specific rules for the diseases listed in accordance with Article 5(1) thereof, and it specifies how those rules are to be applied to different categories of listed diseases. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 also provides for the approval or withdrawal by the Commission of the disease-free status of Member States or zones or compartments thereof regarding certain listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), thereof. In addition, Regulation (EU) 2016/429 provides for Member States to establish compulsory eradication programmes for the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), point (b), thereof, and for optional eradication programmes for the listed diseases referred to in Article 9(1), point (c), thereof, and for the approval of such programmes by the Commission.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 ⁽²⁾ supplements Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and it lays down the criteria for granting, maintaining, suspending, and withdrawing the disease-free status of Member States or zones or compartments thereof, and the requirements for the approval of eradication programmes of Member States or zones or compartments thereof.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 ⁽³⁾ lays down implementing rules for the listed diseases, referred to in Article 9(1), points (a), (b) and (c), of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, of animals, as regards the disease-free and non-vaccination status of certain Member States or zones or compartments thereof, and the approval of eradication programmes for those listed diseases. More particularly, it lists in the Annexes thereto, the Member States or zones or compartments thereof with approved disease-free status, and with existing approved compulsory or optional eradication programmes. Due to the changing epidemiological situation of certain listed diseases in the Union, it is necessary to amend certain Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 to approve the disease-free status of certain Member States or zones thereof, to withdraw the approval of certain zones of Member States where disease outbreaks have been confirmed or where the conditions for maintaining the disease-free status are no longer met, and to approve the amendment to certain eradication programmes.

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

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 of 17 December 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for surveillance, eradication programmes, and disease-free status for certain listed and emerging diseases (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 211, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/689/oj).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 of 15 April 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the approval of the disease-free and non-vaccination status of certain Member States or zones or compartments thereof as regards certain listed diseases and the approval of eradication programmes for those listed diseases (OJ L 131, 16.4.2021, p. 78, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/620/oj).

- (4) For infection with *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis*, infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex* (MTBC) and bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD), several Member States have recently applied to the Commission to have disease-free status or amendments to eradication programmes approved for certain zones of their territory. Two Member States have also notified outbreaks of infection with bluetongue virus (serotype 1-24) (BTV). These developments need to be reflected in the relevant Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620.
- (5) For infection with *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis* in kept ovine and caprine animals, Italy has submitted to the Commission information demonstrating that the conditions for the recognition of disease-free status laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 are fulfilled in the province of Matera in the Region of Basilicata. Following the assessment by the Commission, the application has been shown to comply with the criteria laid down in Part II, Chapter 4 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 for the approval of disease-free status. Therefore, that province should be listed as free from *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis* in ovine and caprine animals in Part I, Chapter 2, of Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620.
- (6) For infection with MTBC, Italy has submitted to the Commission information demonstrating that the conditions for the recognition of disease-free status laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 are fulfilled in the province of Sassari in the Region of Sardinia. Following the assessment by the Commission, the application has been shown to comply with the criteria laid down in Part II, Chapter 4, of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 for the approval of disease-free status. Therefore, that province should be added as free from infection with MTBC in Part I of Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620.
- (7) For BVD, Germany has submitted to the Commission information demonstrating that the conditions for approval of disease-free status from BVD laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 are fulfilled for the region of Oldenburg in the state of Niedersachsen, and the region of Rendsburg-Eckernförde in the state of Schleswig-Holstein. Following the assessment by the Commission, these applications have been shown to comply with the criteria laid down in Part II, Chapter 4, of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 for the granting of disease-free status from BVD. Therefore, those regions should be added to Part I of Annex VII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620, as having disease-free status from BVD.
- (8) As regards infection with BTV, Germany has notified the Commission of outbreaks of infection with BTV serotype 3 in the states of Hessen and Rheinland-Pfalz, and Spain has notified the Commission of outbreaks of infection with BTV serotype 8 in the autonomous community of Catalonia. As these zones have a disease-free status and are listed in Part I of Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620, the approval of the disease-free status from infection with BTV should be withdrawn from the whole states of Hessen and Rheinland-Pfalz, and from the autonomous community of Catalonia, and the entries for Germany and Spain in that list should be amended accordingly.
- (9) Spain has also informed the Commission that it has extended the territorial scope of the optional eradication programme for infection with BTV already approved for the zones listed in Part II of Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620, with the addition of a zone comprising the autonomous community of Catalonia. Therefore, that area should be added to the entry for Spain in Part II of Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620, and the proposed amendment to the optional eradication programme for infection with BTV approved.
- (10) Annexes I, II, VII and VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 should, therefore, be amended accordingly.
- (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

Annexes I, II, VII and VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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, 29 July 2024.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annexes I, II, VII, and VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex I is amended as follows:

(a) in Part I, Chapter 2, the entry for Italy is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
Italy	Regione Abruzzo Regione Basilicata: Provincia di Matera Regione Calabria: Province di Catanzaro, Cosenza Regione Campania: Province di Benevento, Napoli, Salerno Regione Emilia-Romagna Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia Regione Lazio Regione Liguria Regione Lombardia Regione Marche Regione Molise Regione Piemonte Regione Puglia: Province di Bari, Barletta-Andria-Trani, Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto Regione Sardegna Regione Toscana Regione Trentino – Alto Adige Regione Umbria Regione Valle d'Aosta Regione Veneto

(b) in Part II, Chapter 2, the entry for Italy is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
Italy	Regione Basilicata: Provincia di Potenza Regione Calabria: Province di Crotone, Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia Regione Campania: Province d'Avellino, Caserta Regione Puglia: Provincia di Foggia Regione Sicilia

(2) Annex II is amended as follows:

(a) in Part I, the entry for Italy is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
Italy	Regione Abruzzo Regione Basilicata: Provincia di Matera Regione Calabria: Provincia di Catanzaro Regione Campania: Provincia di Napoli Regione Emilia-Romagna Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia Regione Lazio: Province di Frosinone, Latina, Rieti, Viterbo Regione Liguria Regione Lombardia

	Regione Marche: Province di Ancona, Ascoli Piceno, Fermo, Pesaro-Urbino Regione Molise Regione Piemonte Regione Puglia: Province di Bari, Barletta-Andria-Trani, Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto Regione Sardegna Regione Toscana Regione Trentino – Alto Adige Regione Umbria Regione Valle d'Aosta Regione Veneto'
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(b) in Part II, the entry for Italy is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
'Italy	Regione Basilicata: Provincia di Potenza Regione Calabria: Province di Cosenza, Crotona, Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia Regione Campania: Province d'Avellino, Caserta, Benevento, Salerno Regione Lazio: Provincia di Roma Regione Marche: Provincia di Macerata Regione Puglia: Provincia di Foggia Regione Sicilia'

(3) Annex VII is amended as follows:

(a) in Part I, the entry for Germany is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
'Germany	Bundesland Baden-Württemberg Bundesland Bayern Bundesland Brandenburg Bundesland Bremen Bundesland Hamburg Bundesland Hessen Bundesland Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Bundesland Niedersachsen, except Landkreis Cuxhaven Bundesland Nordrhein-Westfalen, except Kreis Borken, Gütersloh, Höxter, Paderborn Bundesland Schleswig-Holstein Bundesland Rheinland-Pfalz Bundesland Saarland Bundesland Sachsen Bundesland Sachsen-Anhalt Bundesland Thüringen'

(b) in Part II, the entry for Germany is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory	Date of initial approval as referred to in Article 15(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689
'Germany	Bundesland Berlin Bundesland Niedersachsen: Landkreis Cuxhaven Bundesland Nordrhein-Westfalen: Kreis Borken, Gütersloh, Höxter, Paderborn	21.2.2022'

(4) Annex VIII is amended as follows:

(a) in Part I, the entry for Germany is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
'Germany	Whole territory except Bundesland Bremen, Hessen, Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Rheinland-Pfalz'

(b) in Part I, the entry for Spain is replaced by the following:

Member State	Territory
'Spain	Comunidad Autónoma de Aragón Comunidad Autónoma de Canarias Comunidad Autónoma de Castilla-La Mancha: Provincia of Guadalajara Comunidad Autónoma de Castilla y León, except the following areas: Provincia of Ávila Provincia of Salamanca Cantalejo, Carbonero El Mayor, Santa María la Real de Nieva, Segovia, Villacastín in the Provincia of Segovia Alcañices, Bermillo de Sayago, Puebla de Sanabria in the provincia of Zamora Comunidad Autónoma de La Rioja Comunidad Autónoma de las Islas Baleares Comunidad Autónoma de Navarra Comunidad Autónoma del País Vasco Comunidad Autónoma de Valencia: provincia of Castellón and provincia of Valencia'

(c) Part II is replaced by the following:

PART II

Member States or zones thereof with an approved eradication programme for infection with BTV

Member State	Territory	Date of initial approval as referred to in Article 15(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689
Spain	Comunidad Autónoma de Andalucía Comunidad Autónoma de Castilla-La Mancha, except the provincia of Guadalajara Comunidad Autónoma de Asturias Comunidad Autónoma de Cantabria Comunidad Autónoma de Castilla y León: provincia of Ávila Provincia of Salamanca Cantalejo, Carbonero El Mayor, Santa María la Real de Nieva, Segovia, Villacastín in the provincia of Segovia Alcañices, Bermillo de Sayago, Puebla de Sanabria in the provincia of Zamora Comunidad Autónoma de Cataluña Comunidad Autónoma de Extremadura Comunidad Autónoma de Galicia Comunidad Autónoma de Madrid Comunidad Autónoma de Murcia Comunidad Autónoma de Valencia: provincia of Alicante.	21.2.2022'