



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/899

of 19 May 2025

amending Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entry for Thailand in the list of third countries or territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of 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 Articles 230(1) and 232(3) 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) Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 sets out the list of third countries or territories, or zones thereof, authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of equine animals. Thailand is listed in that Annex and assigned to Sanitary Group E. The entry into the Union of consignments of registered horses from that third country has been suspended since 6 April 2020 after an outbreak of African horse sickness (AHS) in that country.

⁽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).

- (5) A Commission audit ⁽⁴⁾ took place in Thailand from 27 February 2024 to 13 March 2024 to evaluate the animal health controls in relation to exports of registered live equidae to the Union, and in particular the animal health guarantees as regards AHS. The outcome of that audit showed that Thailand has successfully eradicated AHS following the outbreak in 2020, and can carry out adequate animal health controls and activities aimed at maintaining the AHS-free status of this third country. However, some shortcomings were also identified, which have since been addressed by that third country. In this regard, Thailand has provided an action plan to comply with the recommendations formulated in the Commission's audit report, including a surveillance programme for surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*), as there have now been reported cases of surra in that third country, and that action plan has been positively evaluated by the Commission. In the light of the animal health guarantees provided by Thailand, the entry into the Union of consignments of registered horses from that third country should be re-authorised.
- (6) Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) 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 twentieth 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 May 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

⁽⁴⁾ DG(SANTE) 2024-8016 (<https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit-report/details/4805>).

ANNEX

In Part 1 of Annex IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, the entry for Thailand is replaced by the following:

TH Thailand	TH-0	E	Registered horses	EQUI-X, EQUI-RE-ENTRY-30, EQUI-RE-ENTRY-90-COMP			6.4.2020	9.6.2025'
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