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amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom and 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) and (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) 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) Canada has notified the Commission of three new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan which were confirmed between 25 April 2025 and 2 May 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(6) The United States has notified the Commission of four new outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of New York (2), North Dakota (1), and South Dakota (1) which were confirmed between 18 April 2025 and 30 April 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

([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) Following those recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authorities of Canada and 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.

(8) Canada and the United States have submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation in their respective territories as well as on the measures taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following those recent HPAI outbreaks.

(9) That information has been evaluated by the Commission. In view of the animal health situation in the areas under restrictions established by the veterinary authorities of Canada and 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 should be suspended in order to protect the animal health status of the Union. Therefore, the entries for Canada and the United States in the tables set out in in Section B, Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.

(10) In addition, Canada and the United Kingdom have provided updated information to the Commission in relation to the epidemiological situation in their respective territories as regards HPAI that gave rise to the suspension of the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry, germinal products of poultry, and fresh meat of poultry and game birds, as set out in Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.

(11) On 24 April 2025, Canada submitted updated information on the epidemiological situation in relation to an outbreak of HPAI in poultry in the province of Nova Scotia, which was confirmed on 4 March 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(12) On 25 April 2025, 6 May 2025 and 8 May 2025, the United Kingdom submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to 12 outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the counties of Cumbria (1), Durham (2), East Riding of Yorkshire (3), Norfolk (1), North Yorkshire (3), and Shropshire (1), England and in the county of Daviot, Scotland, which were confirmed between 20 January 2025 and 29 March 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(13) Canada and the United Kingdom informed the Commission that, following those outbreaks of HPAI, they implemented a stamping out policy in order to control and limit the spread of that disease, and also completed the requisite cleaning and disinfection following the implementation of the stamping out policy on the infected poultry establishments.

(14) The Commission has evaluated the information submitted by Canada and the United Kingdom, and considers that they have provided appropriate guarantees that the animal health situation that has given rise to the suspension of the entry of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and fresh meat of poultry and game birds into the Union from the affected zones, as set out in Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, no longer represents a threat to animal or public health in the Union, and that, consequently, the entry into the Union of those consignments from the affected zones of Canada and the United Kingdom, from which entry into the Union has been suspended, should be reauthorised. Therefore, the entries for those third countries in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.

(15) In addition, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641 ([4]) amended Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 by suspending the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds from 27 new zones in the United States where outbreaks of HPAI occurred. An error was detected in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641, as regards the numbering of one of those new zones in Part 2 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404. By mistake, zone US-2.967 is listed in the table, instead of zone US-2.997. As a consequence, the description of the already existing zone US-2.967 has been amended with incorrect geographical information, and there is currently no description provided in Part 2 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 for zone US-2.997. Part 2 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should, therefore, be corrected by replacing the description of zone US-2.967 by the original description, and by adding the description of zone US-2.997.

(16) Taking into account the new HPAI outbreaks in Canada and the United States, and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption in trade with Canada and the United Kingdom, 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.

(17) Part 2 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 provides no description of the exact geographical location for zone US-2.997, from which the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds was suspended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641, and the description of the exact geographical location for zone US-2.967 has erroneously been replaced by incorrect information by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641. This could create a trade disturbance and is hindering the effective implementation of the AHL as regards HPAI regionalisation in third countries. The correction concerning Part 2 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards zones US-2.967 and US-2.997 should, therefore, apply from the date of entry into force of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641.

(18) 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 Part I of the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

Correction to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

Part 2 of Annex V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 is corrected in accordance with Part II of the Annex to this Regulation.

([4]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641 of 25 March 2025 amending Annexes V, XIV and XV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and 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, of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, and of meat products from poultry (OJ L, 2025/641, 26.3.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/641/oj).

Article 3

Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

However, Article 2 shall apply from 27 March 2025.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 May 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

PART I

Amendments to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

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 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.259 is replaced by the following:

'**CA** Canada	CA-2.259	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		4.3.2025	3.5.2025'

(ii) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.263, CA-2.264 and CA-2.265 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.262:

'**CA** Canada	CA-2.263	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		25.4.2025	
	CA-2.264		N, P1		2.5.2025	
	CA-2.265		N, P1		30.4.2025'	

(iii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.346 is replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.346	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		20.1.2025	17.4.2025'

(iv) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.351 is replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.351	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		27.1.2025	6.5.2025'

(v) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.359 and GB-2.360 are replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.359	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		18.2.2025	2.5.2025
	GB-2.360		N, P1		18.2.2025	2.5.2025'

(vi) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.365 to GB-2.369 are replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.365	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		6.3.2025	6.5.2025
	GB-2.366		N, P1		12.3.2025	6.5.2025
	GB-2.367		N, P1		13.3.2025	6.5.2025
	GB-2.368		N, P1		18.3.2025	22.4.2025
	GB-2.369		N, P1		26.3.2025	29.4.2025'

(vii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.371, GB-2.372 and GB-2.373 are replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.371	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		28.3.2025	1.5.2025
	GB-2.372		N, P1		28.3.2025	29.4.2025
	GB-2.373		N, P1		29.3.2025	2.5.2025'

(viii) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1026 to US-2.1029 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1025:

'**US** United States	US-2.1026	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		18.4.2025	
	US-2.1027		N, P1		24.4.2025	
	US-2.1028		N, P1		24.4.2025	
	US-2.1029		N, P1		30.4.2025'	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the following descriptions of the zones CA-2.263, CA-2.264 and CA-2.265 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.262:

'Canada	CA-2.263	Saskatchewan – Latitude 50.53, Longitude -103.69 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Dingley and Indian Head 10km SZ: Abernethy, Dingley, Indian Head, and Sintaluta
	CA-2.264	Manitoba – Latitude 49.98, Longitude -101.23 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Elkhorn and Wallace-Woodworth 10km SZ: Fleming, Kirkella, Kola, Maryfield, Moosomin, Wallace-Woodworth
	CA-2.265	Saskatchewan – Latitude 52.09, Longitude -105.77 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Colonsay, Meacham, Rutan, and Viscount 10km SZ: Colonsay, Meacham, Rutan, and Viscount'

(ii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1026 to US-2.1029 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1025:

'United States	US-2.1026	State of New York Queens 17 Queens County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.7803031°W 40.7857547°N)
	US-2.1027	State of New York Queens 18 Queens County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.7654921°W 40.7913911°N)
	US-2.1028	State of North Dakota Stutsman 03 Stutsman County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 99.1520210°W 46.9365097°N)
	US-2.1029	State of South Dakota Aurora 01 Aurora County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 98.4338478°W 43.7986710°N)'

(2) in Annex XIV, in Part 1, Section B is amended as follows:

(a) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.259 is replaced by the following:

'**CA** Canada	CA-2.259	POU, RAT	N, P1		4.3.2025	3.5.2025
		GBM	P1		4.3.2025	3.5.2025'

(b) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.263, CA-2.264 and CA-2.265 added after the rows for the zone CA-2.262:

'**CA** Canada	CA-2.263	POU, RAT	N, P1		25.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		25.4.2025	
	CA-2.264	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.5.2025	
		GBM	P1		2.5.2025	
	CA-2.265	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		30.4.2025'	

(c) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.346 is replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.346	POU, RAT	N, P1		20.1.2025	17.4.2025
		GBM	P1		20.1.2025	17.4.2025'

(d) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.351 is replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.351	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.1.2025	6.5.2025
		GBM	P1		27.1.2025	6.5.2025'

(e) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.359 and GB-2.360 are replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.359	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.2.2025	2.5.2025
		GBM	P1		18.2.2025	2.5.2025
	GB-2.360	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.2.2025	2.5.2025
		GBM	P1		18.2.2025	2.5.2025'

(f) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.365 to GB-2.369 are replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.365	POU, RAT	N, P1		6.3.2025	6.5.2025
		GBM	P1		6.3.2025	6.5.2025
	GB-2.366	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.3.2025	6.5.2025
		GBM	P1		12.3.2025	6.5.2025
	GB-2.367	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.3.2025	6.5.2025
		GBM	P1		13.3.2025	6.5.2025
	GB-2.368	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.3.2025	22.4.2025
		GBM	P1		18.3.2025	22.4.2025
	GB-2.369	POU, RAT	N, P1		26.3.2025	29.4.2025
		GBM	P1		26.3.2025	29.4.2025'

(g) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.371, GB-2.372 and GB-2.373 are replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.371	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.3.2025	1.5.2025
		GBM	P1		28.3.2025	1.5.2025
	GB-2.372	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.3.2025	29.4.2025
		GBM	P1		28.3.2025	29.4.2025
	GB-2.373	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.3.2025	2.5.2025
		GBM	P1		29.3.2025	2.5.2025'

(h) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1026 to US-2.1029 are added after the rows for the zone US-2.1025:

'**US** United States	US-2.1026	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		18.4.2025	
	US-2.1027	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		24.4.2025	
	US-2.1028	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		24.4.2025	
	US-2.1029	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.4.2025	
		GBM	P1		30.4.2025'	

PART II

Correction to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

In Annex V, Part 2, the entry for the United States is amended as follows:

(1) the description of the zone US-2.967 is replaced by the following description:

'United States	US-2.967	State of Missouri Lawrence 06 Lawrence County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 93.8910972°W 37.1728422°N)'

(2) the following descriptions of the zone US-2.997 is added between the description of the zone US-2.996 and US-2.998:

'United States	US-2.997	State of New York Queens 09 Queens County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.7654921°W 40.7913911°N)'