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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/1088

of 12 May 2026

amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada 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 Article 230(1), Article 232(1), point (b) and Article 232(3), point (b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 provides that consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin from third countries or territories are only to be allowed to enter into the Union if the third countries or territories concerned are listed in accordance with Article 230(1) of that Regulation.
- (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, 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, 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, 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) On 4 May 2026, Canada has notified the Commission of two new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the province of Saskatchewan which were confirmed on 24 April 2026 and 30 April 2026, respectively, by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (6) On 24 April 2026, the United States has notified the Commission of three new outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, which were confirmed on 17 April 2026 and 21 April 2026 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 notified the establishment of restricted zones of at least 10 km around the affected establishments and the implementation of 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 further information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on their respective territories and the measures that were taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following those recent HPAI outbreaks.
- (9) The information provided by Canada and the United States 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, it is appropriate to suspend 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 new outbreaks in those third countries in order to protect the animal health status of the Union, taking into account the dates when the outbreaks were confirmed. Therefore, the entries for Canada and the United States in the tables set out in Section B of Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B of Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.
- (10) In addition, Canada has provided updated information to the Commission in relation to the epidemiological situation on its territory as regards earlier outbreaks of HPAI that gave rise to the suspension of the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, as set out in the table in Section B of Part 1 of Annex V, and in the table in Section B of Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.
- (11) In particular, on 4 May 2026, Canada submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it had taken in relation to 13 outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the province of British Columbia, which were all located in three zones in the Fraser Valley, and which were confirmed between 10 October 2025 and 24 February 2026 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (12) Canada has informed the Commission that, following those earlier outbreaks of HPAI, it had implemented a stamping out policy in order to control and limit the spread of that disease, and it had also completed the requisite cleaning and disinfection following the implementation of the stamping out policy in the infected poultry establishments.
- (13) The Commission has evaluated the information submitted by Canada in that regard and considers that it has provided appropriate guarantees that the animal health situation that had given rise to the suspension of the entry of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds into the Union from the affected zones, as set out in the table in Section B of Part 1 of Annex V, and in the table in Section B of Part 1 of Annex 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, from which entry into the Union had been suspended, should be re-authorised. Therefore, the entries for Canada in those tables in those Annexes should be amended accordingly.
- (14) 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, 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.
- (15) 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 V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are 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, 12 May 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

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-2.280 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.280	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		13.10.2025	2.5.2026'
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(ii) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.295 and CA-2.296 are replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.295	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		23.2.2026	2.5.2026
	CA-2.296		N, P1		28.10.2025	2.5.2026'

(iii) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.333 and CA-2.334 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.332:

'CA Canada	CA-2.333	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		24.4.2026	
	CA-2.334		N, P1		30.4.2026'	

(iv) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1371, US-2.1372 and US-2.1373 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1370:

'US United States	US- 2.1371	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		17.4.2026	
	US- 2.1372		N, P1		21.4.2026	
	US- 2.1373		N, P1		21.4.2026'	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the following descriptions of the zones CA-2.333 and CA-2.334 are added after the description of the zone CA-2.332:

'Canada	CA- 2.333	Saskatchewan – Latitude 52.1, Longitude -106.37 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Blucher and Clavet 10km SZ: Aberdeen, Bergheim, Blucher, Clavet, Corman Park, and Saskatoon
	CA- 2.334	Saskatchewan – Latitude 51.96, Longitude -104.05 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Clair and Lakeview 10km SZ: Clair, Lakeside and Lakeview'

- (ii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1371, US-2.1372 and US-2.1373 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1370:

‘United States	US-2.1371	State of Minnesota Big Stone 03 Big Stone County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 96.4625785°W 45.6190330°N)
	US-2.1372	State of North Dakota LaMoure 07 LaMoure County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 98.4045941°W 46.4309401°N)
	US-2.1373	State of South Dakota Edmunds 19 Edmunds County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 99.0021019°W 45.5211771°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-2.280 is replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.280	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.10.2025	2.5.2026
		GBM	P1		13.10.2025	2.5.2026’

- (b) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.295 and CA-2.296 are replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.295	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.2.2026	2.5.2026
		GBM	P1		23.2.2026	2.5.2026
	CA-2.296	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.10.2025	2.5.2026
		GBM	P1		28.10.2025	2.5.2026’

- (c) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.333 and CA-2.334 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.332:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.333	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.4.2026	
		GBM	P1		24.4.2026	
	CA-2.334	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.4.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.4.2026’	

- (d) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1371, US-2.1372 and US-2.1373 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1370:

‘US United States	US-2.1371	POU, RAT	N, P1		17.4.2026	
		GBM	P1		17.4.2026	
	US-2.1372	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.4.2026	
		GBM	P1		21.4.2026	
	US-2.373	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.4.2026	
		GBM	P1		21.4.2026’	