



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/281

of 2 February 2026

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 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) The United States has notified the Commission of six new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the states of Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, which were confirmed on 22 January 2026 and 23 January 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).

- (6) Following those recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authority of 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.
- (7) The United States has submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on its territory and the measures it has taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following those recent HPAI outbreaks.
- (8) That information has been evaluated by the Commission. In view of the animal health situation in the areas under restrictions established by the veterinary authority of 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 new outbreaks in that third country should be suspended 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 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.
- (9) In addition, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States have provided updated information to the Commission in relation to the epidemiological situation on their respective territories 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.
- (10) On 12 January 2026, Canada submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to two outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the province of Quebec, which were confirmed on 18 November 2025 and 12 December 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (11) On 23 January 2026 and 26 January 2026, the United Kingdom submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to four outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, in England, which were confirmed on 26 October 2025 and 7 November 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (12) On 22 January 2026, the United States submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to 24 outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Utah, which were confirmed between 29 September 2025 and 2 January 2026 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (13) Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States have informed the Commission that, following those earlier outbreaks of HPAI, they have implemented a stamping out policy in order to control and limit the spread of that disease, and they have also completed the requisite cleaning and disinfection following the implementation of the stamping out policy in the infected poultry establishments.
- (14) The Commission has evaluated the information submitted by Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and considers that they have 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 those third countries, from which entry into the Union had been suspended, should be re-authorised. Therefore, the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States in those tables in those Annexes should be amended accordingly.
- (15) Taking into account the new HPAI outbreaks in the United States and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption in trade with Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, 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.

(16) 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, 2 February 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-2.311 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.311	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		18.11.2025	28.1.2026';
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(ii) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.321 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.321	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		12.12.2025	26.1.2026';
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(iii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zones GB-2.399 and GB-2.400 are replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.399	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		26.10.2025	25.1.2026
	GB-2.400		N, P1		29.10.2025	23.1.2026';

(iv) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.406 is replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.406	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		1.11.2025	23.1.2026';
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(v) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.415 is replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.415	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		7.11.2025	25.1.2026';
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(vi) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1061 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1061	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		26.9.2025	3.1.2026';
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- (vii) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1063 and US-2.1064 are replaced by the following:

‘US United States	US-2.1063	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		30.9.2025	18.1.2026
	US-2.1064		N, P1		30.9.2025	25.1.2026’;

- (viii) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1071 to US-2.1077 are replaced by the following:

‘US United States	US-2.1071	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		7.10.2025	29.12.2025
	US-2.1072		N, P1		8.10.2025	25.1.2026
	US-2.1073		N, P1		8.10.2025	25.1.2026
	US-2.1074		N, P1		9.10.2025	29.12.2025
	US-2.1075		N, P1		9.10.2025	29.12.2025
	US-2.1076		N, P1		8.10.2025	11.1.2026
	US-2.1077		N, P1		8.10.2025	11.1.2026’;

- (ix) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1079 is replaced by the following:

‘US United States	US-2.1079	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		14.10.2025	12.1.2026’;
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- (x) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1081 is replaced by the following:

‘US United States	US-2.1081	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		14.10.2025	4.1.2026’;
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- (xi) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1094 and US-2.1095 are replaced by the following:

‘US United States	US-2.1094	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		22.10.2025	25.1.2026
	US-2.1095		N, P1		22.10.2025	17.1.2026’;

- (xii) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1107 and US-2.1108 are replaced by the following:

‘US United States	US-2.1107	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		3.11.2025	7.1.2026
	US-2.1108		N, P1		3.11.2025	12.1.2026’;

(xiii) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1153 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1153	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		19.11.2025	2.1.2026';
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(xiv) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1179 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1179	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		5.12.2025	14.1.2026';
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(xv) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1204 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1204	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		5.12.2025	15.1.2026';
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(xvi) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1208 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1208	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		23.12.2025	29.1.2026';
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(xvii) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1212 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1212	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		23.12.2025	20.1.2026';
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(xviii) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1214 and US-2.1215 are replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1214	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		23.12.2025	26.1.2026
	US-2.1215		N, P1		29.12.2025	26.1.2026';

(xix) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1221 is replaced by the following:

'US United States	US-2.1221	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		2.1.2026	30.1.2026';
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(xx) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1241 to US-2.1246 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1240:

'US United States	US-2.1241	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		22.1.2026	
	US-2.1242		N, P1		22.1.2026	
	US-2.1243		N, P1		23.1.2026	
	US-2.1244		N, P1		23.1.2026	
	US-2.1245		N, P1		23.1.2026	
	US-2.1246		N, P1		23.1.2026';	

(b) in Part 2, in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1241 to US-2.1246 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1240:

'United States	US-2.1241	State of Pennsylvania Lancaster 49 Lancaster County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 76.5809829°W 40.1685291°N)
	US-2.1242	State of New Jersey Burlington 01 Burlington County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 74.6400667°W 40.0414066°N)
	US-2.1243	State of Georgia Walker 02 Walker County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.1208834°W 34.7614528°N)
	US-2.1244	State of Indiana LaGrange 68 LaGrange County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.5074963°W 41.7480110°N)
	US-2.1245	State of Iowa Kossuth 04 Kossuth County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.1046726°W 43.3769102°N)
	US-2.1246	State of Montana Carbon 01 Carbon County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 108.9574554°W 45.3326735°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-2.311 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.311	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.11.2025	28.1.2026
		GBM	P1		18.11.2025	28.1.2026';

(b) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.321 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.321	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.12.2025	26.1.2026
		GBM	P1		12.12.2025	26.1.2026';

- (c) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.399 and GB-2.400 are replaced by the following:

'GB' United Kingdom	GB-2.399	POU, RAT	N, P1		26.10.2025	25.1.2026
		GBM	P1		26.10.2025	25.1.2026
	GB-2.400	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.10.2025	23.1.2026
		GBM	P1		29.10.2025	23.1.2026';

- (d) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.406 is replaced by the following:

'GB' United Kingdom	GB-2.406	POU, RAT	N, P1		1.11.2025	23.1.2026
		GBM	P1		1.11.2025	23.1.2026';

- (e) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.415 is replaced by the following:

'GB' United Kingdom	GB-2.415	POU, RAT	N, P1		7.11.2025	25.1.2026
		GBM	P1		7.11.2025	25.1.2026';

- (f) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1061 is replaced by the following:

'US' United States	US-2.1061	POU, RAT	N, P1		26.9.2025	3.1.2026
		GBM	P1		26.9.2025	3.1.2026';

- (g) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1063 and US-2.1064 are replaced by the following:

'US' United States	US-2.1063	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.9.2025	18.1.2026
		GBM	P1		30.9.2025	18.1.2026
	US-2.1064	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.9.2025	25.1.2026
		GBM	P1		30.9.2025	25.1.2026';

- (h) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1071 to US-2.1077 are replaced by the following:

'US' United States	US-2.1071	POU, RAT	N, P1		7.10.2025	29.12.2025
		GBM	P1		7.10.2025	29.12.2025
	US-2.1072	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.10.2025	25.1.2026
		GBM	P1		8.10.2025	25.1.2026
	US-2.1073	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.10.2025	25.1.2026
		GBM	P1		8.10.2025	25.1.2026
	US-2.1074	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.10.2025	29.12.2025
		GBM	P1		9.10.2025	29.12.2025
	US-2.1075	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.10.2025	29.12.2025
		GBM	P1		9.10.2025	29.12.2025

	US-2.1076	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.10.2025	11.1.2026
		GBM	P1		8.10.2025	11.1.2026
	US-2.1077	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.10.2025	11.1.2026
		GBM	P1		8.10.2025	11.1.2026';

- (i) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1079 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1079	POU, RAT	N, P1		14.10.2025	12.1.2026
		GBM	P1		14.10.2025	12.1.2026';

- (j) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1081 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1081	POU, RAT	N, P1		14.10.2025	4.1.2026
		GBM	P1		14.10.2025	4.1.2026';

- (k) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1094 and US-2.1095 are replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1094	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.10.2025	25.1.2026
		GBM	P1		22.10.2025	25.1.2026
	US-2.1095	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.10.2025	17.1.2026
		GBM	P1		22.10.2025	17.1.2026';

- (l) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1107 and US-2.1108 are replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1107	POU, RAT	N, P1		3.11.2025	7.1.2026
		GBM	P1		3.11.2025	7.1.2026
	US-2.1108	POU, RAT	N, P1		3.11.2025	12.1.2026
		GBM	P1		3.11.2025	12.1.2026';

- (m) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1153 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1153	POU, RAT	N, P1		19.11.2025	2.1.2026
		GBM	P1		19.11.2025	2.1.2026';

- (n) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1179 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1179	POU, RAT	N, P1		5.12.2025	14.1.2026
		GBM	P1		5.12.2025	14.1.2026';

- (o) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1204 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1204	POU, RAT	N, P1		5.12.2025	15.1.2026
		GBM	P1		5.12.2025	15.1.2026';

- (p) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1208 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1208	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.12.2025	29.1.2026
		GBM	P1		23.12.2025	29.1.2026';

- (q) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1212 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1212	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.12.2025	20.1.2026
		GBM	P1		23.12.2025	20.1.2026';

- (r) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.1214 and US-2.1215 are replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1214	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.12.2025	26.1.2026
		GBM	P1		23.12.2025	26.1.2026
	US-2.1215	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.12.2025	26.1.2026
		GBM	P1		29.12.2025	26.1.2026';

- (s) in the entry for the United States, the row for the zone US-2.1221 is replaced by the following:

US United States	US-2.1221	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	30.1.2026
		GBM	P1		2.1.2026	30.1.2026';

- (t) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1241 to US-2.1246 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1240:

US United States	US-2.1241	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		22.1.2026	
	US-2.1242	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		22.1.2026	
	US-2.1243	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		23.1.2026	
	US-2.1244	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		23.1.2026	
	US-2.1245	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		23.1.2026	
	US-2.1246	POU, RAT	N, P1		23.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		23.1.2026';	