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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 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 Kingdom has notified the Commission of two new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the council area of Scottish borders, in Scotland, and in the county of Suffolk, in England, which were confirmed on 24 January 2026 and 30 January 2026, respectively, 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) The United States has notified the Commission of nine new outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, which were confirmed between 26 January 2026 and 2 February 2026 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(7) Following those recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom 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) The United Kingdom and the United States have submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on their respective territories and the measures they have 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 the United Kingdom 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 new outbreaks in those third countries 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 Kingdom 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 and the United Kingdom 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.

(11) On 12 January 2026 and 26 January 2026, Canada submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to three outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the provinces of British Columbia and Ontario, which were confirmed between 13 October 2025 and 14 November 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(12) On 30 January 2026 and 2 February 2026, the United Kingdom submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to five outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the counties of Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, South Yorkshire, and Suffolk, in England, which were confirmed between 13 October 2025 and 19 November 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(13) Canada and the United Kingdom 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 and the United Kingdom 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 Canada and the United Kingdom from which entry into the Union had been suspended, should be re-authorised. Therefore, the entries for Canada and the United Kingdom in those tables in those Annexes should be amended accordingly.

(15) Taking into account the new HPAI outbreaks in the United Kingdom 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.

(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, 10 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-2.283 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.283	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		13.10.2025	1.2.2026’

(ii) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.294 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.294	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		22.10.2025	1.2.2026’

(iii) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.309 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.309	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		14.11.2025	5.2.2026’

(iv) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.394 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.394	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		13.10.2025	27.1.2026’

(v) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.417 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.417	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		7.11.2025	2.2.2026’

(vi) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.423 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.423	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		13.11.2025	2.2.2026’

(vii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.425 is replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.425	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		16.11.2025	2.2.2026'

(viii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.427 is replaced by the following:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.427	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		19.11.2025	28.1.2026'

(ix) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.464 and GB-2.465 are added after the row for the zone GB-2.463:

'**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.464	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		24.1.2026	
	GB-2.465		N, P1		30.1.2026'	

(x) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1247 to US-2.1255 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1246:

'**US** United States	US-2.1247	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		26.1.2026	
	US-2.1248		N, P1		28.1.2026	
	US-2.1249		N, P1		2.2.2026	
	US-2.1250		N, P1		2.2.2026	
	US-2.1251		N, P1		29.1.2026	
	US-2.1252		N, P1		30.1.2026	
	US-2.1253		N, P1		30.1.2026	
	US-2.1254		N, P1		30.1.2026	
	US-2.1255		N, P1		2.2.2026'	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following descriptions of the zones GB-2.464 and GB-2.465 are added after the description of the zone GB-2.463:

'United Kingdom	GB-2.464	near Penicuik, Scottish Borders, Scotland, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates N55.77 and Long: W3.22
	GB-2.465	near Needham Market, Mid Suffolk, Suffolk, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N52.17 and Long: E1.15'

(ii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1247 to US-2.1255 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1246:

‘United States	US-2.1247	State of Indiana LaGrange 69 LaGrange County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.5952827°W 41.6436425°N
	US-2.1248	State of Pennsylvania Lancaster 50 Lancaster County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 76.5348091°W 40.1838192°N)
	US-2.1249	State of Pennsylvania Philadelphia 04 Philadelphia County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 75.1247519°W 40.1026354°N)
	US-2.1250	State of Pennsylvania Philadelphia 05 Philadelphia County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 75.1016330°W 40.0761106°N)
	US-2.1251	State of Iowa Kossuth 05 Kossuth County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.2239944°W 43.3722927°N)
	US-2.1252	State of Colorado Weld 18 Weld County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 104.7826251°W 40.3075312°N)
	US-2.1253	State of Kansas Grant 02 Grant County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 101.3876540°W 37.6303224°N)
	US-2.1254	State of Maryland Caroline 04 Caroline County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 75.7427915°W 39.0606474°N)
	US-2.1255	State of Georgia Hart 01 Hart County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 83.0729239°W 34.4894637°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-2.283 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.283	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.10.2025	1.2.2026
		GBM	P1		13.10.2025	1.2.2026’

(b) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.294 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.294	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.10.2025	1.2.2026
		GBM	P1		22.10.2025	1.2.2026’

(c) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.309 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.309	POU, RAT	N, P1		14.11.2025	5.2.2026
		GBM	P1		14.11.2025	5.2.2026’

(d) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.394 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.394	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.10.2025	27.1.2026
		GBM	P1		13.10.2025	27.1.2026’

(e) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.417 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.417	POU, RAT	N, P1		7.11.2025	2.2.2026
		GBM	P1		7.11.2025	2.2.2026’

(f) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.423 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.423	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.11.2025	2.2.2026
		GBM	P1		13.11.2025	2.2.2026’

(g) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.425 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.425	POU, RAT	N, P1		16.11.2025	2.2.2026
		GBM	P1		16.11.2025	2.2.2026’

(h) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.427 is replaced by the following:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.427	POU, RAT	N, P1		19.11.2025	28.1.2026
		GBM	P1		19.11.2025	28.1.2026’

(i) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following rows for the zones GB-2.464 and GB-2.465 are added after the row for the zone GB-2.463:

‘**GB** United Kingdom	GB-2.464	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		24.1.2026	
	GB-2.465	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.1.2026’	

(j) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1247 to US-2.1255 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1246:

'**US** United States	US-2.1247	POU, RAT	N, P1		26.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		26.1.2026	
	US-2.1248	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		28.1.2026	
	US-2.1249	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.2.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.2.2026	
	US-2.1250	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.2.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.2.2026	
	US-2.1251	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		29.1.2026	
	US-2.1252	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.1.2026	
	US-2.1253	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.1.2026	
	US-2.1254	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.1.2026	
	US-2.1255	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.2.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.2.2026'	