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amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, Chile 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 1 April 2026, Chile has notified the Commission of a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the Maule Region which was confirmed on 29 March 2026 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(6) On 2 April 2026, the United States has notified the Commission of eight new outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Indiana, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, which were confirmed between 24 March 2026 and 31 March 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 Chile 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) Chile 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 Chile 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 Chile 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 Chile 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 30 March 2026, Canada submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it had taken in relation to an outbreak of HPAI in poultry in the province of British Columbia, which was confirmed on 24 February 2026 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

(12) Canada has informed the Commission that, following that earlier outbreak 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 establishment.

(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 zone, 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 zone 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 Chile 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, 10 April 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-2.329 is replaced by the following:

‘**CA** Canada	CA-2.329	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		24.2.2026	2.4.2026’

(ii) in the entry for Chile, the row for the zone CL-2.13 is added after the row for the zone CL-2.12:

‘**CL** Chile	CL-2.13	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		29.3.2026’	

(iii) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1349 to US-2.1356 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1348:

‘**US** United States	US-2.1349	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		24.3.2026	
	US-2.1350		N, P1		24.3.2026	
	US-2.1351		N, P1		24.3.2026	
	US-2.1352		N, P1		25.3.2026	
	US-2.1353		N, P1		31.3.2026	
	US-2.1354		N, P1		26.3.2026	
	US-2.1355		N, P1		30.3.2026	
	US-2.1356		N, P1		31.3.2026’	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Chile, the following description of the zone CL-2.13 is added after the description of the zone CL-2.12:

‘Chile	CL-2.13	Maule Region, Province of Talca, Commune of San Rafael Latitude -35.3405 Longitude -71.4849 PZ: Commune: San Rafael, sector: Bajo la Peña. SZ: Commune: San Rafael.’

(ii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1349 to US-2.1356 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1348:

'United States	US-2.1349	State of Indiana LaGrange 83 LaGrange County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.6170968°W 41.7156138°N)
	US-2.1350	State of Indiana LaGrange 84 LaGrange County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.6021427°W 41.6386033°N)
	US-2.1351	State of Indiana Elkhart 36 Elkhart County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.6752879°W 41.6924707°N)
	US-2.1352	State of Indiana Elkhart 37 Elkhart County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.7215130°W 41.6701462°N)
	US-2.1353	State of Pennsylvania Lancaster 72 Lancaster County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 76.4438602°W 40.1673504°N)
	US-2.1354	State of New Jersey Hunterdon 01 Hunterdon County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 74.9142748°W 40.6220202°N)
	US-2.1355	State of New York Kings 17 Kings County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.8423152°W 40.7770896°N)
	US-2.1356	State of New York Bronx 06 Bronx County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.8585990°W 40.9142014°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-2.329 is replaced by the following:

'**CA** Canada	CA-2.329	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.2.2026	2.4.2026
		GBM	P1		24.2.2026	2.4.2026'

(b) in the entry for Chile, the following row for the zone CL-2.13 is added after the row for the zone CL-2.12:

'**CL** Chile	CL-2.13	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		29.3.2026'	

(c) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1349 to US-2.1356 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1348:

'**US** United States	US-2.1349	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		24.3.2026	
	US-2.1350	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		24.3.2026	
	US-2.1351	POU, RAT	N, P1		24.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		24.3.2026	
	US-2.1352	POU, RAT	N, P1		25.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		25.3.2026	
	US-2.1353	POU, RAT	N, P1		31.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		31.3.2026	
	US-2.1354	POU, RAT	N, P1		26.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		26.3.2026	
	US-2.1355	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		30.3.2026	
	US-2.1356	POU, RAT	N, P1		31.3.2026	
		GBM	P1		31.3.2026'	