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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/2629

of 20 November 2023

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 authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry, germinal products of poultry, 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⁾ establishes the lists of third countries, or territories, or zones or compartments 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.
- (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, germinal products of poultry, fresh meat of poultry and game birds.
- (5) Canada has notified the Commission of four outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the province of Saskatchewan, which were confirmed between 30 October 2023 and 1 November 2023 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (6) The United Kingdom has notified the Commission of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in England, in the council area of Lincolnshire, which was confirmed on 9 November 2023, by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (7) The United States has notified the Commission of 13 outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Iowa (5), Minnesota (3), Montana (1), and South Dakota (4), which were confirmed between 3 November 2023 and 9 November 2023 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1.

⁽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).

⁽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).

- (8) Following these recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authorities of Canada, 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.
- (9) Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States have submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on their territories and the measures taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI.
- (10) That information has been evaluated by the Commission. The Commission considers that, in view of the animal health situation in the areas under restrictions established by the veterinary authorities of Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry, germinal products of poultry, and fresh meat of poultry and game birds from those areas should be suspended, in order to protect the animal health status of the Union.
- (11) Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should therefore be amended to take account of the current epidemiological situation as regards HPAI in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- (12) Taking into account the current epidemiological situation in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States as regards HPAI, 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.
- (13) 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

Entry into force and applicability

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, 20 November 2023.

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 following rows for the zones CA-2.202 to CA-2.205 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.201:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.202	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		30.10.2023	
	CA-2.203		N, P1		31.10.2023	
	CA-2.204		N, P1		1.11.2023	
	CA-2.205		N, P1		1.11.2023’;	

(ii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following row for the zone GB-2.324 is added after the row for the zone GB-2.323:

‘GB United Kingdom	GB-2.324	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		9.11.2023’;	
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(iii) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.493 to US-2.505 are added after the row for the zone US-2.492:

‘US United States	US-2.493	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		3.11.2023	
	US-2.494		N, P1		6.11.2023	
	US-2.495		N, P1		3.11.2023	
	US-2.496		N, P1		6.11.2023	
	US-2.497		N, P1		7.11.2023	
	US-2.498		N, P1		9.11.2023	
	US-2.499		N, P1		9.11.2023	
	US-2.500		N, P1		8.11.2023	
	US-2.501		N, P1		8.11.2023	
	US-2.502		N, P1		8.11.2023	
	US-2.503		N, P1		9.11.2023	
	US-2.504		N, P1		9.11.2023	
	US-2.505		N, P1		9.11.2023’;	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the following descriptions of the zones CA-2.202 to CA-2.205 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.201:

‘Canada	CA-2.202	Saskatchewan- Latitude 52.6 Longitude -106.7 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Waldheim 10km SZ: Blaine Lake, Laird, Petrofka, and Waldheim
	CA-2.203	Saskatchewan- Latitude 51.5, Longitude -107.28 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Dinsmore 10km SZ: Anerley, Bounty, Bratton, Conquest, Dinsmore, and Milden
	CA-2.204	Saskatchewan- Latitude 51.06, Longitude -106.33 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Brownlee and Eyebrow 10km SZ: Brownlee and Eyebrow
	CA-2.205	Saskatchewan- Latitude 52.21, Longitude -106.29 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Blucher and Saskatoon 10km SZ: Bergheim, Blucher, Clavet, Saskatoon, and St-Denis’;

(ii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following description of the zone GB-2.324 is added after the description of the zone GB-2.323:

‘United Kingdom	GB-2.324	near Donington, New Holland, Lincolnshire, England, GB The area contained within a circle of a radius of 10km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N52.90 and Long: W0.25’;
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(iii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.493 to US-2.505 are added after the description of the zone US-2.492:

‘United States	US-2.493	State of Iowa Clay 01 Clay County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 95.0877604°W 43.0428604°N)
	US-2.494	State of Iowa Clay 02 Clay County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 95.0969928°W 43.0451005°N)
	US-2.495	State of Iowa Clay 03 Clay County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.9393707°W 43.0296790°N)

US-2.496	State of Iowa Hamilton 03 Hamilton County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 93.7913229°W 42.5968856°N)
US-2.497	State of Minnesota Stearns 14 Stearns County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.8587663°W 45.7690948°N)
US-2.498	State of Minnesota Steele 01 Steele County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 93.2287143°W 43.9383793°N)
US-2.499	State of Minnesota Redwood 04 Redwood County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 95.4899659°W 44.6199986°N)
US-2.500	State of Iowa Kossuth 02 Kossuth County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.1046726°W 43.3769102°N)
US-2.501	State of South Dakota Charles Mix 07 Charles Mix County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 98.1448992°W 43.2347570°N)
US-2.502	State of South Dakota Clark 09 Clark County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 97.9077432°W 44.8578366°N)
US-2.503	State of South Dakota McPherson 08 McPherson County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 98.8351890°W 45.6944596°N)
US-2.504	State of South Dakota Roberts 02 Roberts County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 96.6244707°W 45.9994061°N)
US-2.505	State of Montana Wheatland 01 Wheatland County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 109.7727183°W 46.5449673°N);

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

(a) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.202 to CA-2.205 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.201:

'CA Canada	CA-2.202	POU, RAT	N, P1		30.10.2023	
		GBM	P1		30.10.2023	
	CA-2.203	POU, RAT	N, P1		31.10.2023	
		GBM	P1		31.10.2023	
	CA-2.204	POU, RAT	N, P1		1.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		1.11.2023	
	CA-2.205	POU, RAT	N, P1		1.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		1.11.2023';	

(b) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zone GB-2.324 are added after the rows for the zone GB-2.323:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.324	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		9.11.2023';	

(c) in the entry for the United States, the rows for the zones US-2.493 to US-2.505 are added after the row for the zone US-2.492:

'US United States	US-2.493	POU, RAT	N, P1		3.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		3.11.2023	
	US-2.494	POU, RAT	N, P1		6.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		6.11.2023	
	US-2.495	POU, RAT	N, P1		3.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		3.11.2023	
	US-2.496	POU, RAT	N, P1		6.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		6.11.2023	
	US-2.497	POU, RAT	N, P1		7.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		7.11.2023	
	US-2.498	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		9.11.2023	
	US-2.499	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		9.11.2023	
	US-2.500	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		8.11.2023	
	US-2.501	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.11.2023	
		GBM	P1		8.11.2023	

US-2.502	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.11.2023	
	GBM	P1		8.11.2023	
US-2.503	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.11.2023	
	GBM	P1		9.11.2023	
US-2.504	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.11.2023	
	GBM	P1		9.11.2023	
US-2.505	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.11.2023	
	GBM	P1		9.11.2023 ¹	