



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/173

of 20 January 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 Kingdom has notified the Commission of four new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the county of Nottinghamshire, in England, and in the council areas of Perth and Kinross and Scottish Borders, in Scotland, which were confirmed between 31 December 2025 and 11 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) The United States has notified the Commission of 19 new outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Arkansas, California, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, which were confirmed between 29 December 2025 and 13 January 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 those third countries 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 15 December 2025, 6 January 2026, and 12 January 2026, Canada 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 provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, which were confirmed between 22 October 2025 and 1 December 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (12) On 13 January 2026, the United Kingdom submitted updated information on the animal health situation and the measures it has taken in relation to an outbreak of HPAI in poultry in the council area of South Lanarkshire, in Scotland, which was confirmed on 12 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, 20 January 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 rows for the zones CA-2.292 and CA-2.293 are replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.292	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		22.10.2025	14.1.2026
	CA-2.293		N, P1		22.10.2025	14.1.2026';

(ii) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.295 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.295	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		28.10.2025	10.1.2026';
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(iii) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.307 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.307	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		12.11.2025	10.1.2026';
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(iv) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.318 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.318	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		1.12.2025	10.1.2025';
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(v) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.421 is replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.421	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		12.11.2025	13.1.2026';
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(vi) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the rows for the zones GB-2.456 to GB-2.459 are added after the row for the zone GB-2.455:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.456	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		31.12.2025	
	GB-2.457		N, P1		5.1.2026	
	GB-2.458		N, P1		8.1.2026	
	GB-2.459		N, P1		11.1.2026';	

- (vii) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1218 to US-2.1236 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1217:

US United States	US-2.1218	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		29.12.2025	
	US-2.1219		N, P1		8.1.2026	
	US-2.1220		N, P1		31.12.2025	
	US-2.1221		N, P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1222		N, P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1223		N, P1		6.1.2026	
	US-2.1224		N, P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1225		N, P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1226		N, P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1227		N, P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1228		N, P1		7.1.2026	
	US-2.1229		N, P1		5.1.2026	
	US-2.1230		N, P1		6.1.2026	
	US-2.1231		N, P1		9.1.2026	
	US-2.1232		N, P1		9.1.2026	
	US-2.1233		N, P1		12.1.2026	
	US-2.1234		N, P1		12.1.2026	
	US-2.1235		N, P1		13.1.2026	
	US-2.1236		N, P1		13.1.2026	

- (b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

- (i) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following descriptions of the zones GB-2.456 to GB-2.459 are added after the description of the zone GB-2.455:

United Kingdom	GB-2.456	near Newark-on-Trent, Newark and Sherwood, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N53.09 and Long: W0.90
	GB-2.457	near Blairgowrie, Perth and Kinross, Scotland, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N56.72 and Long: W3.43
	GB-2.458	near Newark-on-Trent, Newark and Sherwood, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N53.12 and Long: W0.77
	GB-2.459	near Penicuik, Scottish Borders, Scotland, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N52.13 and Long: E1.28;

- (ii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1218 to US-2.1236 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1217:

United States	US-2.1218	State of Pennsylvania Lancaster 48 Lancaster County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 76.2182181°W 40.2966908°N)
	US-2.1219	State of Pennsylvania Lehigh 09 Lehigh County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 75.5374499°W 40.6342488°N)
	US-2.1220	State of Nebraska Butler 03 Butler County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 97.1516427°W 41.2963652°N)
	US-2.1221	State of Kansas Nemaha 01 Nemaha County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 96.0246418°W 39.9602633°N)
	US-2.1222	State of Kansas Anderson 03 Anderson County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 95.3777451°W 38.4564845°N)
	US-2.1223	State of Kansas Pottawatomie 02 Pottawatomie County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 96.4404324°W 39.3243821°N)
	US-2.1224	State of Arkansas Prairie 02 Prairie County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 91.4135664°W 34.6979697°N)
	US-2.1225	State of California Butte 05 Butte County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 121.6220145°W 39.4683346°N)
	US-2.1226	State of New York Queens 20 Queens County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.8110491°W 40.7686723°N)
	US-2.1227	State of North Carolina Sampson 03 Sampson County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 78.3671020°W 35.0527509°N)
	US-2.1228	State of North Carolina Sampson 04 Sampson County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 78.2970334°W 35.0024484°N)

	US-2.1229	State of Missouri Texas 01 Texas County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 91.7962470°W 37.5354452°N)
	US-2.1230	State of Indiana LaGrange 67 LaGrange County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.5918894°W 41.6873614°N)
	US-2.1231	State of New York Bronx 05 Bronx County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 73.8531701°W 40.9190500°N)
	US-2.1232	State of Pennsylvania Philadelphia 03 Philadelphia County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 75.1068985°W 40.0789418°N)
	US-2.1233	State of Kansas Pratt 01 Pratt County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 98.7984492°W 37.8431137°N)
	US-2.1234	State of Minnesota Meeker 21 Meeker County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 94.7544608°W 45.3591599°N)
	US-2.1235	State of Delaware Kent 08 Kent County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 75.3664130°W 39.0923244°N)
	US-2.1236	State of Georgia Walker 01 Walker County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 85.1349257°W 34.7294249°N);

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

(a) in the entry for Canada, the rows for the zones CA-2.292 and CA-2.293 are replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.292	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.10.2025	14.1.2026
		GBM	P1		22.10.2025	14.1.2026
	CA-2.293	POU, RAT	N, P1		22.10.2025	14.1.2026
		GBM	P1		22.10.2025	14.1.2026’;

(b) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.295 is replaced by the following:

‘CA Canada	CA-2.295	POU, RAT	N, P1		28.10.2025	10.1.2026
		GBM	P1		28.10.2025	10.1.2026’;

- (c) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.307 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.307	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.11.2025	10.1.2026
		GBM	P1		12.11.2025	10.1.2026';

- (d) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.318 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.318	POU, RAT	N, P1		1.12.2025	10.1.2025
		GBM	P1		1.12.2025	10.1.2025';

- (e) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.421 is replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.421	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.11.2025	13.1.2026
		GBM	P1		12.11.2025	13.1.2026';

- (f) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following rows for the zones GB-2.456 to GB-2.459 are added after the row for the zone GB-2.455:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.456	POU, RAT	N, P1		31.12.2025	
		GBM	P1		31.12.2025	
	GB-2.457	POU, RAT	N, P1		5.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		5.1.2026	
	GB-2.458	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		8.1.2026	
	GB-2.459	POU, RAT	N, P1		11.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		11.1.2026';	

- (g) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1218 to US-2.1236 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1217:

'US United States	US-2.1218	POU, RAT	N, P1		29.12.2025	
		GBM	P1		29.12.2025	
	US-2.1219	POU, RAT	N, P1		8.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		8.1.2026	
	US-2.1220	POU, RAT	N, P1		31.12.2025	
		GBM	P1		31.12.2025	
	US-2.1221	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1222	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.1.2026	
	US-2.1223	POU, RAT	N, P1		6.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		6.1.2026	
	US-2.1224	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	
		GBM	P1		2.1.2026	

US-2.1225	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		2.1.2026	
US-2.1226	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		2.1.2026	
US-2.1227	POU, RAT	N, P1		2.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		2.1.2026	
US-2.1228	POU, RAT	N, P1		7.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		7.1.2026	
US-2.1229	POU, RAT	N, P1		5.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		5.1.2026	
US-2.1230	POU, RAT	N, P1		6.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		6.1.2026	
US-2.1231	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		9.1.2026	
US-2.1232	POU, RAT	N, P1		9.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		9.1.2026	
US-2.1233	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		12.1.2026	
US-2.1234	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		12.1.2026	
US-2.1235	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		13.1.2026	
US-2.1236	POU, RAT	N, P1		13.1.2026	
	GBM	P1		13.1.2026',	