

Fylgiskjal.**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/354****of 21 February 2025****amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the lists of third countries with an approved control plan and the lists of third countries authorised for the entry into the Union of certain fishery products****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 127(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 lays down rules for official controls and other control activities performed by the competent authorities of the Member States in order to check compliance with Union legislation, among others, in the area of food safety at any stage of production, processing and distribution.
- (2) Article 126(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 provides that a delegated act may require that only consignments of certain animals and goods from a third country or region thereof which appears on a list drawn up by the Commission for that purpose may enter the Union.
- (3) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 ⁽²⁾ supplements Regulation (EU) 2017/625 by laying down entry requirements to ensure that consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption from third countries or regions thereof comply with the relevant requirements established in the rules on food safety referred to in Article 1(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 or with requirements recognised to be at least equivalent thereto. In particular, Article 3 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 identifies the food-producing animals and goods intended for human consumption that are subject to the requirement to come from a third country or region thereof which appears on the list referred to in Article 126(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.
- (4) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 ⁽³⁾ lays down the lists of third countries or regions thereof from which the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption is permitted in accordance with Article 126(2), point (a), of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/625/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 of 6 September 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to requirements for the entry into the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption (OJ L 304, 24.11.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/2292/oj).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 118, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/405/oj).

- (5) Article 6(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 provides that, in addition to the requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625, consignments of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products are to enter the Union only from a third country that has in place a control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants.
- (6) Article 7 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 provides that, in addition to the conditions laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/625, consignments of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products may enter the Union only from a third country that complies with the requirements provided for in Article 6(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 and is included in the list of third countries approved for the entry into the Union of the concerned food-producing animals or products of animal origin set out in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405.
- (7) Article 8(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 provides that, by way of derogation from Article 7, consignments of food-producing animals, products of animal origin and composite products may enter the Union from third countries that do not have an approved control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants but ensure that the food-producing animals and products of animal origin, including those used in composite products, originate in a Member State or a third country included in the list set out in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405. Article 8(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 provides that in addition to the requirements laid down in Article 127(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission is to decide on the inclusion of a third country in the list referred to in Article 126(2), point (a), of that Regulation only if the competent authority of that third country provides the Commission with evidence and guarantees of compliance with the requirements laid down in Article 8(1). Such evidence and guarantees are to consist of information on the procedures in place in that third country to guarantee the traceability and origin of those food-producing animals and those products of animal origin.
- (8) Belize, Cuba, Honduras, Nigeria, and Tunisia are listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 and marked with an 'O' for milk and eggs indicating their intention to export to the Union composite products manufactured using processed milk and/or processed egg products obtained from a Member State or from a third country or region thereof that has in place control plans for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants. However, those countries failed to submit to the Commission evidence and guarantees of compliance with Article 8(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292. The marking 'O' for Belize, Cuba, Honduras, Nigeria, and Tunisia should therefore be deleted from Annex -I.
- (9) Brazil is listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'O' for eggs. Brazil has submitted a control plan for eggs. That plan provides the required guarantees and should therefore be approved. Brazil should therefore be listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' for eggs [instead of the 'O'].
- (10) Brunei and Costa Rica are listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 and marked with an 'O' for milk and eggs indicating their intention to export to the Union composite products manufactured using processed milk and/or processed egg products obtained from a Member State or from a third country or region thereof that has in place control plans for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants. However, those countries have informed the Commission that they are not interested in further exporting such composite products to the Union. That marking 'O' for Brunei and Costa Rica should therefore be deleted from Annex -I.
- (11) Kazakhstan has submitted a control plan for honey. The plan provides the required guarantees and should therefore be approved. Kazakhstan should therefore be listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' for 'honey'.
- (12) Falkland Islands is currently listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' for aquaculture, indicating the existence of an approved control plan. However, Falkland Islands has informed the Commission that it is not interested in further exporting aquaculture products to the Union. The marking 'X' for 'aquaculture' should therefore be deleted from that Annex.

- (13) Tanzania is currently listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' and a 'P' for 'aquaculture: only crustaceans' indicating that Tanzania exports to the Union farmed crustaceans and composite products manufactured with processed products derived from bivalve molluscs originating either in Member States or in third countries or regions thereof listed in Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405. However, Tanzania has informed the Commission that the 2023 residue control plans were not implemented due to the absence of national production of farmed crustaceans since December 2022. The markings 'X' and 'P' for 'aquaculture: only crustaceans' should therefore be deleted from Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405. In addition, due to the deletion of marking 'X' for 'aquaculture: only crustaceans', and in accordance with Article 2a(4) of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405, the marking 'O' for 'milk' and 'eggs' for Tanzania should also be deleted from Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405.
- (14) New Zealand is currently listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' for 'equine'. As New Zealand has not submitted this year to the Commission the control plan concerning equine animals, due to the absence of equine production, the marking 'X' for 'equine' should therefore be deleted from that Annex.
- (15) Singapore is currently listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' and a footnote '10' (only for consignments of fresh meat originating from New Zealand, destined to the Union and being unloaded, with or without storage, in Singapore and being reloaded in an approved establishment during transit through Singapore) for 'equine'. As New Zealand has not submitted a control plan and has therefore been delisted for 'equine', the marking 'X'¹⁰ for 'equine' in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 for Singapore should therefore be deleted from that Annex.
- (16) Singapore is currently listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' and a footnote '14' for aquaculture (only finfish). Singapore has submitted a control plan also for crustaceans. That plan provides the required guarantees and should therefore be approved and the footnote '14' restricting the entry to finfish only should be deleted from the marking 'X' in that Annex.
- (17) Thailand is listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with a 'Δ' for 'eggs', indicating its intention to use for the production of products intended for export to the Union only eggs either from Member States or from other third countries approved for imports of eggs into the Union Thailand has submitted a control plan for eggs. That plan provides the required guarantees and should therefore be approved. Thailand should therefore be listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' for 'eggs' [instead of a 'Δ'].
- (18) United Arab Emirates and Pitcairn Islands are listed in Annex -I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with an 'X' for 'honey'. However, United Arab Emirates and Pitcairn Islands have informed the Commission that they are not interested in further exporting honey to the Union. The marking 'X' for 'honey' for United Arab Emirates and Pitcairn Islands should therefore be deleted from Annex -I.
- (19) Armenia is listed in Annex IX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 with the remark 'Only live, heat processed and frozen crayfish from wild catch'. Armenia has informed the Commission that, in addition to continuing exporting wild caught crayfish, it is interested in starting exports of finfish and finfish products to the Union. Armenia's control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides and contaminants covers finfish and finfish products (caviar and roes). Armenia provided evidence and guarantees that finfish and finfish products comply with the relevant Union requirements or with requirements equivalent thereto, in particular as regards hygiene. The remark 'Only live, heat processed and frozen crayfish from wild catch' in the entry for Armenia in Annex IX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 should therefore be changed to 'Only live, heat processed and frozen crayfish from wild catch. Aquaculture: finfish and finfish products (caviar and roes)'.
- (20) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (21) 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

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 is amended as follows:

- (1) Annex -I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Regulation.
- (2) Annex IX is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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, 21 February 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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ANNEX I

ANNEX-J

List of third countries or regions thereof with approved control plans for certain food-producing animals and products of animal origin intended for human consumption, as referred to in Article 2a, Article 3, Article 6, first paragraph, Article 7, first paragraph, Article 10, second paragraph, Articles 11, 15, 16, 21 and Article 25, points (a) and (c)

Country ISO Code	Third country (1) or regions thereof	Bovine	Ovine/caprine	Porcine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture (2)	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey	Casings
AD	Andorra	X	X	Δ	X		P						X	
AE	United Arab Emirates						Δ P	X (2) O	O					
AL	Albania		X				X (13) P	O	X					X
AM	Armenia						X (13) P	O	O				X	
AR	Argentina	X	X		X	X	X (13) P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AU	Australia	X	X		X		X M	X	X		X	X	X	X
AZE	Azerbaijan						X (13) P							
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	X	X		X	X (13) P	X	X				X	
BD	Bangladesh						X P							
BF	Burkina Faso												X	
Bj	Benin												X	
BN	Brunei						X (14) P							

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BR	Brazil	X			X	X	X P	O	X				X	X
BW	Botswana	X					P							
BY	Belarus				X (1)		X (15) P	X	X				X	X
BZ	Belize						X (15) P							
CA	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X M	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CH	Switzerland (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X (15) M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CL	Chile	X	X (1)	X		X	X (15) M	X			X		X	X
CM	Cameroon												X	
CN	China					X	X P	O	X	X			X	X
CO	Colombia						X P	O	Δ					
CR	Costa Rica						X P							
CU	Cuba						X (15) P						X	
DO	Dominican Republic												X	
EC	Ecuador						X P	O	O					
EG	Egypt													X
ET	Ethiopia												X	
FK	Falkland Islands	X	X (1)											
FO	The Faroe Islands						X (15) P	O	O					

Country/ISO Code	Third country (1) or regions thereof	Bovine	Ovine/caprine	Porcine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture (4)	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey	Casings
GB	United Kingdom (1)	X	X	X	X	X	X (13) Δ M	X	X	Δ	X	X	X	X
GE	Georgia												X	
GG	Guernsey						M	X						
GL	Greenland		X (1)				M					X		
GT	Guatemala						X (14) P	O	O				X	
HK	Hong Kong						Δ P		Δ					
HN	Honduras						X P							
ID	Indonesia						X P	O	O					
IL	Israel (1)					X	X (13) P	X					X	
IM	Isle of Man	X	X (1)	X			X (13) M	X	O				X	
IN	India					O	X P	O	X				X	X
IR	Iran						X (14) X (15) P	O	O					X
JE	Jersey	X					M	X	O					
JM	Jamaica						M							
JP	Japan	X		Δ		X	X (13) M	X	X				Δ	X

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KE	Kenya						X (13) P							
KR	The Republic of Korea					X	X M	O	O				Δ	
KZ	Kazakhstan												X	
LB	Lebanon												X	X
LK	Sri Lanka						X P	O	O					
MA	Morocco					X	X (13) Δ M	O	O				X	X
MD	Moldova					X	X (13) P	X	X				X	
ME	Montenegro	X	X	X		X	X (13) P	X	X				X	X
MG	Madagascar						X P	O	O				X	
MK	North Macedonia	X	X	X		X	X (13) P	X	X		X		X	
MM	Myanmar/Burma						X P	O	O				X	
MN	Mongolia													X
MU	Mauritius						X (13) P	O	O				Δ	
MX	Mexico			Δ			X P	O	X				X	
MY	Malaysia					Δ	X P	O	O					

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SA	Saudi Arabia						X P	O	O					
SG	Singapore	Δ	Δ	Δ		Δ	X P	Δ	Δ		X (8)	X (8)		
SM	San Marino	X		Δ			O P	X	O				X	
SV	El Salvador												X	
SZ	Eswatini	X					P							
TG	Togo												X	
TH	Thailand	O		O		X	X M	Δ	X				X	
TN	Tunisia						X (13) M							X
TR	Türkiye					X	X (13) M	X	X				X	X
TW	Taiwan						X P	O	X				X	
TZ	Tanzania												X	
UA	Ukraine	X		X		X	X (13) M	X	X	X			X	X
UG	Uganda												X	
US	United States	X	X (10)	X		X	X M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UY	Uruguay	X	X		X		X (13) M	X			X		X	X
UZ	Uzbekistan													X
VE	Venezuela						X (14) P	O	O					

Country/ISO Code	Third country (1) or regions thereof	Bovine	Ovine/caprine	Porcine	Equine	Poultry	Aquaculture (9)	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey	Casings
VN	Viet Nam						X M	O	O				X	
WF	Wallis and Futuna												X	
XK	Kosovo (1)					A								
ZA	South Africa						M P				X	X (1)		
ZM	Zambia												X	

(1) List of third countries and territories (not limited to third countries recognised by the Union).

(2) Camel milk only.

(3) Hereinafter understood as the State of Israel, excluding the territories under the administration of the State of Israel after 5 June 1967, namely the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank.

(4) Ovine species only.

(5) In accordance with the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 5(4) of the Windsor Framework (see Joint Declaration No 1/2023 of the Union and the United Kingdom in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community of 24 March 2023 (OJ L 102, 17.4.2023, p. 87) in conjunction with Annex 2 to that Framework, for the purposes of this Annex, references to the United Kingdom do not include Northern Ireland.

(6) In accordance with the Agreement of 21 June 1999 between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products (OJ L 114, 30.4.2002, p. 132).

(7) Export to the Union of live Equidae intended for slaughter (food-producing animals only).

(8) Reindeer only.

(9) Only for consignments of fresh meat originating from New Zealand, destined to the Union and being unloaded, with or without storage, in Singapore and being reloaded in an approved establishment during transit through Singapore.

(10) Caprine species only.

(11) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

(12) Ratites only.

(13) Finfish and finfish products only.

(14) Crustaceans only.

(15) Finfish products only (e.g. roes and caviar).

(16) Aquaculture covers finfish, including eels, and products of finfish (such as roes and caviar), and crustaceans. The third countries or regions thereof listed for live, chilled, frozen or processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in Annex VIII, are marked with an "M" in this column.

ANNEX II

In Annex IX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405, the entry for Armenia is replaced by the following:

'AM	Armenia	Only live, heat processed and frozen crayfish from wild catch. Aquaculture: finfish and finfish products (caviar and roes)'.
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