Animal health list: identification of ungulates; and amended veterinary disease control zones in Botswana

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Identification of ungulates for export; and amended veterinary disease control zones in Botswana

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2612 of 23 November 2023 amending Annexes II, III and XIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain ungulates and fresh meat thereof

Update

This new EU Regulation reflects the flexibility given to non-EU countries when identifying ungulates (other than horses) in Regulation 2023/119. It also revises the disease controlled zones in Botswana.

Impacted products

Ungulates, fresh meat

What is changing?

Identification of ungulates

When identifying ungulates (other than horses) for export, animals can now be identified by physical means. This must be a visible, legible, and indelible display of the:

- identification code of the animal, which establishes a definite link between the animal and its accompanying animal health certificate
- code of the exporting country (ISO 3166 or another two-letter code to be agreed between the exporting country and the European Commission).

This amends Regulation 2021/404 (Annexes II and III) to reflect the derogation granted by Regulation 2023/119.

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Botswana

Specifically for Botswana, sub-zones 18 and 14 are removed from the coverage of veterinary disease control zones BW-1 and BW-2, respectively.

Timeline

Date of publication: 24 November 2023.

Date of application: **14 December 2023**.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Botswana can export meat to the EU only from the revised zones.

Background

The EU Animal Health Law (Regulation 2016/429) establishes principles and rules for the prevention and control of certain diseases in animals kept by humans (including farm animals, fish, and aquaculture), wild animals, and animal products.

Delegated Regulation 2020/692 supplements the Animal Health Law regarding animal health requirements for exports to the EU. Non-EU countries (or part of their territories) wishing to export animal products to the EU must comply with the EU animal health requirements.

These countries or regions must be listed in Implementing Regulation 2021/404 for each of these products to be exported to the EU. The list is regularly updated, for example if there is an outbreak of a notifiable disease, or an improvement in the animal health situation in a country.

Resources

Regulation 2016/429 EU Animal Health Law

Regulation (EU) 2023/119 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

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