Countries authorised to export animals and animal products to the EU: public health list updated January 2024

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Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/334

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 [consolidated text]

What is changing and why?

Regulation 2024/334 updates the list of countries authorised to export to the EU. From 11 February:

- Azerbaijan will be able to export caviar and roes also from aquaculture to the EU
- Montenegro will be able to export casings to the EU. For goat meat, being listed in Annex -I of Regulation 2021/405 is a step, but is not enough to allow exports to the EU. Montenegro will need to be also listed for food safety in Annex I (fresh meat) or VII (meat products)
- Morocco and Rwanda will be able to export honey to the EU
- South Africa will be able to export molluscs/marine gastropods from aquaculture to the EU
- Kenya, Mozambique, Bangladesh, and Nicaragua will no longer be able to export composite products to the EU
- Jamaica will no longer be able to export honey to the EU.
- Colombia can continue to export to the EU composite products that contain milk from the EU, or from countries authorised to export to the EU. It cannot export to the EU composite products that contain milk produced in Colombia.

These changes are based requests by non-EU countries and the guarantees they have provided to demonstrate that their exported animal products are produced in compliance with EU rules.

The list of non-EU countries or regions with approved control plans for food-producing animals and products of animal origin is kept up to date in Annex -I of Regulation 2021/405, consolidated text.

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Actions

Each year, by 31 March, non-EU countries exporting animal products to the EU must submit an updated control plan demonstrating that animal products comply with the EU rules on residues of veterinary drugs, contaminants, and pesticides in order to be listed in (Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I).

They also must ensure compliance is maintained in order to be included on the list of authorised non-EU countries for food safety (2021/405, Annexes I–XVI), and for animal health (2021/404).

Timeline

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For Colombia, consignments of shelf-stable composite products manufactured from processed milk products **of Colombian origin**, dispatched to the EU from Colombia until 10 February 2024, may enter the EU until 10 April 2024.

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