Foot and mouth: suspension of fresh meat and biltong/jerky from Namibia

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EU suspends imports of fresh meat and biltong/jerky from Namibia

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2238 of 2 October 2026 amending Annexes XIII and XV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Namibia in the lists of third countries or territories, or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of fresh meat and meat products of certain ungulates

Update

Following a new outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Namibia, the European Union (EU) has suspended imports of **fresh meat** of beef, sheep and game ungulates and **biltong/jerky type processed products**, from the zone of the country authorised to export to the EU (zone NA-1, from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam). Other processed meat products from beef and sheep that have received an appropriate treatment to mitigate risks of FMD may still be exported to the EU.

Impacted products

Beef, sheep, game ungulates, biltong/jerky type

What is changing?

Meat can only be exported from countries, or in some cases specific zones within a country, that have been authorised and listed by the EU (Regulation 2021/404, Annex XIII for fresh meat and Annex XV for processed meat).

One zone in Namibia (zone NA-1, from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam) is authorised by the EU for the export of matured and de-boned beef, sheep and game ungulates.

However, due to an outbreak of FMD confirmed on 23 September 2026 in the region of ■Kharas, part of zone NA-1, the EU has suspended imports of fresh meat and biltong/jerky type processed meat from this zone (Regulation 2021/404, Annexes XIII and Annex XV (Section B)).

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Namibia may continue to export to the EU processed meat from beef, sheep, and wild game (Regulation 2021/404, Annex XV (Section B)) provided it has undergone risk-mitigating treatment B: treatment in a hermetically sealed container to a F_o value of three or more (Regulation 2020/692, Annex XXVI).

Why?

To protect its animal health status, the list of non-EU countries authorised to export animal products to the EU is regularly updated in response to emerging animal health risks in exporting countries.

Timeline

No consignments of fresh meat and biltong/jerky type from Namibia slaughtered and certified from **23 September 2026** may enter the EU market.

Consignments certified before 23 September 2026 are permitted onto the EU market until 21 December 2026 (90 days).

Background

The EU's Animal Health Law (Regulation 2016/429) provides a framework for monitoring animal health issues and responding to risks. To export products of animal origin to the EU, non-EU countries must demonstrate that they meet EU animal health requirements in relation to particular species and categories of animals or products.

Regulation 2020/692 sets out the animal health requirements for imports into the EU.

Regulation 2021/404 establishes the list of authorised non-EU countries ("third countries") that meet the EU's animal health requirements. The list is regularly updated, for example, if there is an outbreak of a notifiable disease, or an improvement in the animal health situation, within a country.

Regulation 2021/405 (Art. 3 and 10) states that to export fresh meat and processed meat to the EU, countries must be listed both in Regulation 2021/404, Annex XIII (fresh meat) and XV (processed meat) and Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I (see Lists of non-EU countries for public health and animal health – explained).

In addition, from 3 September 2026, non-EU countries must also be authorised and listed in relation to the use of antimicrobials (Regulation 2021/405, Annex XVIa, ex-2024/2598; see List

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of non-EU countries compliant with new EU antimicrobial requirements).

Resources

Online resources from the European Commission:

- EU entry conditions
- Establishment Lists
- Access2Markets: Exporting from the EU, importing into the EU – all you need to know

The procedure for non-EU countries to apply for listing is described at the end of the following factsheets:

- European Union import conditions for poultry and poultry products
- EU import conditions for fresh meat and meat products

World Organisation for Animal Health: Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 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

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 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

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2017/625 as regards model animal health certificates, model official certificates and model animal health/official certificates, for the entry into the Union and movements within the Union of consignments of certain categories of animals and goods, official certification regarding such certificates

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 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

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 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 (Official Controls Regulation)

Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health (Animal Health Law)

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