Moldova authorised to export poultry products and eggs to the EU

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EU adds Moldova to the animal health list of countries authorised to export poultry products and eggs to the Union

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/513 of 8 March 2023 amending Annexes XV and XIX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the list of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of meat products from ungulates, poultry and game birds and of eggs and egg products

Update

On 9 March 2023, the EU added Moldova to the animal health list of countries authorised to export poultry products and eggs to the Union.

Impacted products

poultry products, eggs

What is changing?

Moldova has satisfied the animal health requirements for authorisation to export to the EU poultry gelatine and collagen (certificate MPST) and eggs (certificates E and EP).

Exports of poultry gelatine and collagen can now take place if risk-mitigating treatment D is applied to the products (Regulation 2020/692, Annex XXVI).

Risk-mitigating treatment D

A minimum temperature of 70°C, which must be reached throughout the meat during the processing of meat products:

- water activity (Aw) value not more than 0.93
- pH value not more than 6.0.

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Timeline

Date of application: 29 March 2023.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Moldova will be able to export poultry gelatine and collagen (when the necessary risk-mitigating treatment has been applied) and class A eggs from 29 March 2023, as it is now included in the three relevant lists that permit export (see Changes to public health list).

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 Regulation 2016/429 regarding the 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 commodity to be exported to the EU.

The list is regularly updated, for example in the event of an outbreak of a notifiable disease, or if there is an improvement in the animal health situation in a country.

Resources

European Commission (2022) Animal Health Law: Key to the prevention and control of diseases in your animals [in 24 languages].

European Union (2020) Entry into the Union: New legislation on animal health [presentation].

Online resources from the European Commission:

- About the Animal Health Law
- Video: Animal Health Law [in 24 languages]
- Non-EU country establishments database
- Establishment Lists: Border Control Posts

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Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/513

Implementing Regulation 2021/404

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692

Regulation (EU) 2016/429

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