Namibia asks to be removed from animal health list of non-EU countries for certain products

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1466 of 14 July 2023 amending Annexes V, XIV, XV and XIX to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, Namibia, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry, germinal products of poultry, fresh meat of poultry and game birds, meat products of poultry and wild game birds and eggs and egg products

Update

Namibia has requested to be removed from the animal health list of non-EU countries authorised to export certain products including fresh meat of ratites, meat products from poultry and game birds, and eggs and egg products, as it does not export these products to the EU

Impacted products

poultry, germinal products, fresh meat of ratites, meat products from poultry and game birds, eggs, egg products

What is changing?

Namibia has asked to be removed from the following Annexes in Regulation 2021/404:

- Annex V for poultry and germinal products of poultry
- Annex XIV for fresh meat of poultry and game birds
- Annex XV for meat products from ungulates, poultry and game birds
- Annex XIX for eggs and egg products

There are also changes for Canada, UK and USA, but as these are not AGRINFO partner countries, they are not covered in detail here.

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Why?

Namibia does not plan to export poultry and germinal products, fresh meat of ratites, meat products from poultry and game birds, eggs or egg products to the EU, and has not done so for many years. Namibia has therefore requested to be removed from the list of third countries authorised to export these commodities to the EU.

Timeline

Date of publication: 17 July 2023.

Date of entry into application: 18 July 2023.

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

Namibia cannot export to the EU poultry and germinal products, fresh meat of ratites, meat products from poultry and game birds, and eggs and egg products.

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 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

Online resources from the European Commission:

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- EU entry conditions
- Establishment Lists
- Welcome to Access2Markets to Trade Helpdesk users

World Organisation for Animal Health: Terrestrial Animal Health Code

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

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

Sources

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1466

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/573

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

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