Poultry imports from North Macedonia and Bosnia & Herzegovina

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641 as regards the entries for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, and of meat products from poultry

What is changing and why?

Following a confirmed outbreak of Newcastle disease on its territory, **North Macedonia** may only export poultry products to the European Union (EU) if they have undergone specific treatment D (minimum temperature of 70°C, which must be reached throughout the meat).

Bosnia and Herzegovina has provided appropriate guarantees that there are no longer risks associated with an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in February 2025. Restrictions on imports have been lifted, meaning that Bosnia and Herzegovina can once more export fresh poultry, and is no longer required to apply risk-mitigating treatment D to poultry products.

Actions

Animal health rules must be strictly applied by non-EU countries in order to be able to export animals and animal products to the EU while avoiding the spread of diseases. It is important that competent authorities and operators work together to monitor animal health and keep diseases under control. Exporters should follow the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), where rules can be found for each disease.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **26 March 2025**.

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