List of non-EU countries compliant with new EU antimicrobial requirements

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1189 as regards the application of the restrictions on the use of certain antimicrobial medicinal products

What is changing and why?

The EU has updated the list of non-EU countries that meet new EU requirements on the use of antimicrobial medicinal products in animals or animal products (see Rules on prohibited antimicrobials in imported animal products).

The following countries have been added to the updated list for antimicrobials: **Armenia, Benin, Belize, Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Indonesia, India, Iran, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Serbia, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Wallis and Futuna**.

Only countries that have an approved residue monitoring plan (listed in Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I) can be included in the list for antimicrobials (Regulation 2021/405, Annex XVIa).

The following countries were already listed for antimicrobials, but the products covered have been extended as follows:

- Albania for raw crustaceans (marked Δ, the country can use crustaceans imported from listed countries in products intended for export to the EU; see Table 1)
- North Macedonia for casings
- Thailand for eggs
- Colombia for eggs (marked Δ, the country can use eggs imported from listed countries in products intended for export to the EU).

For Ukraine, rabbit has been removed from the list at the country's own request as it no longer wishes to export these products to the EU.

The updated list for antimicrobials now includes all the countries that are listed regarding residue control plans (in Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I) **except**:

- Brazil: beef, horse, poultry, aquaculture, eggs, honey, casing
- Kazakhstan: honey
- Panama: aquaculture
- (United Arab Emirates, which is outside AGRINFO scope).

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These countries can be added to the list once they have provided guarantees that they can comply with EU antimicrobial requirements.

Actions

Countries that are not currently included in the list of authorised countries for antimicrobials are recommended to take the necessary steps to ensure that the animal products they intend to export to the EU have not been administered the relevant antimicrobials (for details see Use of antimicrobials in farmed animals in the food supply chain). When they can provide guarantees, they should submit them to SANTE-VETERINARY-MEDICINES@ec.europa.eu.

A template to submit the guarantees on antimicrobials can be requested from SANTE-VETERINARY-MEDICINES@ec.europa.eu. These guarantees must include **every** type of animal product exported to the EU to avoid potential disruptions to trade (European Commission 2023). This includes banned antibiotics that are:

- reserved for human treatments, and
- used as growth promoters or to increase yield.

Non-EU countries that have made a request to be listed regarding residue control plans (Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I) for a certain animal product are recommended to work in parallel on compliance with antimicrobial requirements. Authorisation on **both** lists is required in order to export to the EU. For an overview of which authorisations are required by commodity, see Lists of non-EU countries for public health and animal health – explained.

Timeline

The antimicrobials list of countries permitted to export animal products to the EU applies from **3 September 2026**.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Table 1
Symbols used in Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I

Symbol	Meaning
Animal products	
X	The country has a validated residue control plan for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants for the relevant product, and is authorised to export it; this plan must be updated each year by 31 March
Δ	The country can use the imported animal product in a final product intended for the EU market
Bivalve mollusc products	
M	Equivalent to X, used only for bivalve molluscs

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Source: based on Regulation 2021/405, Annex -I

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