



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

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) <u>2024/2598</u> laying down the list of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of certain animals and products of animal origin intended for human consumption as regards the application of the prohibition on the use of certain antimicrobial medicinal products

What is changing and why?

Non-EU countries received a letter from the European Commission in May 2023 requesting them to produce a written declaration providing guarantees of conformity with Regulation 2023/905 (Art. 3) before the end of November 2023.

On the basis of the declarations received, the EU Commission has now published a Regulation listing the non-EU countries that have provided the necessary guarantees.

Comparing this new list with the list of non-EU countries currently authorised to export animals and animal products to the EU, the following countries are not included, and still need to provide the required declaration and appropriate guarantees to avoid any disruption of trade on 3 September 2026:

Armenia: aquaculture; honey

Benin: honey

Belize: aquacultureBurkina Faso: honeyEswatini: cattle/beef

Indonesia: aquaculture

India: aquaculture; eggs; honey; casings

Iran: aquaculture; casingsJamaica: bivalve molluscs

Kenya: aquaculture

Mauritius: aquaculture; honey (triangular trade for honey)

Mozambique: aquaculture

Nigeria: aquaculturePanama: aquacultureSri Lanka: aquaculture





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Serbia: all commodities (except farmed game)

Tanzania: aquaculture and honey

Tunisia: aquaculture; casings

Uganda: honey

Uzbekistan: casings

Wallis and Futuna: honey

Actions

The Regulation may still be modified before it enters into application. If **non-EU countries not yet on the list submit the required declarations soon**, they could still be listed before the Regulation is applied on 3 September 2026.

As soon as possible, any non-EU countries not yet on the list should send the required written declaration guaranteeing compliance to SANTE-VETERINARY-MEDICINES@ec.europa.eu.

The declaration must include **every** type of animal product exported to the EU to avoid potential disruptions to trade both for the ban of use of:

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

The guarantees may be checked by the EU in the frame of the "EU health and food audits", particularly when audits are planned on residues of pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants in food of animal origin (see <u>Health and food audits and analysis programme 2025</u>).

The template for the declaration can be requested from SANTE-VETERINARY-MEDICINES@ec.europa.eu.

Any questions can be emailed to agrinfo@colead.link.

Timeline

Date of application: **3 September 2026** (24 months after the revised <u>Model health certificates</u> enter into force).

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





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