Public health lists of countries that can export animal products to the EU – early 2026 update

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/187 as regards the lists of third countries or regions thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of certain animals and goods intended for human consumption

What is changing and why?

The list of countries that have public health systems approved for the export of certain animal products to the European Union (EU) has been updated.

Key changes involving AGRINFO partner countries:

New authorisations

The countries below are now authorised to export the following specific animal products:

- Kyrgyz Republic: honey
- North Macedonia: casings
- Tunisia:
  - shelf-stable composite products, provided that the eggs or dairy are produced in EU Member States or approved countries (not produced in Tunisia)
  - products containing poultry, imported from EU or approved countries (not produced in Tunisia)
- Uganda: finfish and finfish products from aquaculture.

Albania is now listed in Annex -I for products containing raw crustaceans imported from EU or approved countries (but further legal requirements must be met before exports can start).

Discontinued authorisations

- Ukraine: farmed rabbit, marine gastropods.

Other amendments

- Countries authorised to export fresh farmed rabbit and/or wild Leporidae and/or wild land mammals meat will also be permitted to export preparations of these meats.

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Actions

In order to remain listed, each year, by **31 March**, non-EU countries exporting animal products to the EU must submit an updated control plan demonstrating that animal products comply with the EU rules on residues of veterinary drugs, contaminants, and pesticides.

They also must ensure compliance is maintained in order to remain listed in relation to public health and, when relevant, animal health.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **18 February 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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