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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/393

of 11 March 2020

amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Russia in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to Newcastle disease

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption ([1]), and in particular the introductory phrase of Article 8, the first subparagraph of point 1 of Article 8, point 4 of Article 8 and Article 9(4)(c) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2009/158/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs ([2]), and in particular Articles 23(1), 24(2) and Article 25(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 ([3]) lays down veterinary certification requirements for imports into and transit, including storage during transit, through the Union of poultry and poultry products (the commodities). It provides that the commodities are only to be imported into and transit through the Union from the third countries, territories, zones or compartments listed in columns 1 and 3 of the table in Part 1 of Annex I thereto.

(2) Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 also lays down the conditions for a third country, territory, zone or compartment to be considered as free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and from Newcastle disease.

(3) Russia is listed in the table in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as a third country from which imports into and transit through the Union of certain poultry commodities are authorised from the whole of its territory. However, the authorisation of Russia for meat of poultry for human consumption intended for import into or transit through the Union has been suspended since 17 November 2016, due to the confirmation of outbreaks of HPAI of subtype H5N8 in poultry holdings on its territory.

([1]) OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.
([2]) OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 74.
([3]) Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 of 8 August 2008 laying down a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification requirements (OJ L 226, 23.8.2008, p. 1).

(4) On 28 January 2019, Russia confirmed the presence of Newcastle disease in a poultry holding on its territory. Since then Russia has confirmed several outbreaks of Newcastle disease in poultry holdings on its territory.

(5) In August 2019, the veterinary authorities of Russia submitted information to the Commission on the outbreaks of Newcastle disease on its territory since January 2019.

(6) Due to those confirmed outbreaks of Newcastle disease, Russia cannot be considered as free from that disease and the veterinary authorities of Russia are not in the position to certify consignments of meat of poultry for human consuption intended for import into or transit through the Union.

(7) For reasons of clarity and legal certainty the entry for Russia in the table in Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 should be amended to take account of the epidemiological situation in that third country and indicate the closing date from which that third country cannot be considered as free from Newcastle disease.

(8) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 March 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

In part 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008, the entry for Russia is replaced by the following:

ISO code and name of third country or territory	Code of third country, territory, zone or com-part-ment	Description of third country, territory, zone or compartment	Veterinary certificate		Specific conditions	Specific conditions		Avian influenza surveillance status	Avian influenza vaccination status	Salmonella Control Status[6]
			Model(s)	Additional guarantees		Closing date[1]	Opening date[2]			
1	2	3	4	5	6	6A	6B	7	8	9
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			POU		P2	17.11.2016				
					P3	28.1.2019				