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Following notifications concerning the presence of residues of prohibited products in consignments of imported Ukrainian eggs, Ukraine has been responsive to the reported problems and has provided detailed information on these incidents which is published in the RASFF¹ system. The Commission takes these findings very seriously and continues to closely monitor the situation.

Under Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/2129², the Commission increases the minimum frequency rates of physical checks for specific categories of goods from third countries where the level of non-compliance exceeds by 30% the average rate of non-compliance for the same category of goods from all third countries. At present, no category of goods from Ukraine faces increased frequency of checks due to non-compliance exceeding the 30% threshold.

In 2025-26, intensified official controls (IOC) were triggered five times in accordance with Regulation 2019/1873³ on Ukrainian eggs, milk and dairy products due to detection of illegal antimicrobials. These led to 61 reinforced controls, with one non-compliant case on nitrofurans in eggs.

Third countries are listed in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2598⁴ on the basis of guarantees that, in accordance with Article 118(1) of Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵, no antimicrobials for growth promotion or reserved for treating certain human infections⁶ have been used for animals and products of animal origin exported to the EU. The non-compliant findings concerning antibiotic residues fall outside the scope of Implementing Regulation 2024/2598. Therefore, Ukraine's inclusion on the list under Implementing Regulation 2024/2598 remains valid for egg exports.

¹ Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed - <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/rasff-window/screen/search>.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2129 of 25 November 2019 establishing rules for the uniform application of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on certain consignments of animals and goods entering the Union (OJ L 321, 12.12.2019, pp. 122) ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/2129/oj.

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1873 of 7 November 2019 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products (OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, pp. 50) ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/1873/oj.

⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2598 of 4 October 2024 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 in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the application of the prohibition on the use of certain antimicrobial medicinal products (OJ L, 2024/2598, 7.10.2024), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2024/2598/oj.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC (OJ L 4, 7.1.2019, pp. 43, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/6/oj>).

⁶ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1255 of 19 July 2022 designating antimicrobials or groups of antimicrobials reserved for treatment of certain infections in humans, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 191, 20.7.2022, pp. 58), ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1255/oj.