

designation of the applicants. Submit all comments to Candace Hildreth at the above address or at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicants will be designated.

Erin Morris,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0033]

Notice of Availability of Assessment of the Newcastle Disease Status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura of Switzerland

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our intention to reinstate the animal health status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura in Switzerland as free of Newcastle disease. This recognition is based on an assessment we have prepared in connection with this action, which we are making available for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0033 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2024–0033, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Rebecca Gordon, Import Risk Analyst, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Strategy & Policy, Veterinary Services, APHIS, USDA, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; AskRegionalization@usda.gov; (919) 855–7741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 govern the importation of animal products into the United States in order to ensure that the products do not introduce or spread diseases or pests of livestock. Section 94.6 contains regulations governing the importation of carcasses, meat, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, or other birds from areas in which Newcastle disease (ND) is known to exist. The section provides that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will maintain a list on the internet of regions in which ND is not known to exist. It further provides that, should a region be removed from the list due to an outbreak, APHIS will reinstate the region to the list in accordance with the procedures in 9 CFR 92.4.

Section 92.4 provides that after removing disease-free status from all or part of a region, APHIS may reassess the disease situation in that region to determine whether it is necessary to continue import prohibitions or restrictions. When reassessing the region's disease status, APHIS considers the standards of the World Organization for Animal Health for reinstatement of disease-free status, as well as all relevant information obtained through publicly available means or collected by or submitted to APHIS through other means. Prior to removing import prohibitions or restrictions, APHIS makes the information regarding its assessment of the region's disease status available to the public for comment through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

APHIS previously issued import alerts on February 7, 2022, and March 23, 2022, notifying trade partners that the Cantons of Zürich and Jura in Switzerland, which had previously been considered to be regions in which ND is not known to exist, were now affected with ND. In accordance with the regulations in § 94.6, concurrent to these determinations, APHIS placed restrictions on the importation of poultry products for commodities from the two cantons.

APHIS completed a *Report for Reassessment of Cantons Zürich and Jura in Switzerland as Free of Newcastle Disease* in November 2023. This

document presents the results of APHIS' reassessment of the ND status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura. As a result of this reassessment, APHIS concludes that Switzerland has effectively controlled and eradicated ND in its domestic poultry population in the Cantons of Zürich and Jura and that competent veterinary authorities of the cantons have adequate disease control measures in place to rapidly identify, control, and eradicate the disease should it be reintroduced into Switzerland. Based on the results of the reassessment, APHIS recommends reinstating the Cantons Zürich and Jura onto the list of regions in which ND is not known to exist.

The report may be viewed on the [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website or in our reading room. (Instructions for accessing [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and information on the location and hours of the reading room are provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice). The document is also available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Information submitted in support of this notice is also available by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the disease status of the Cantons of Zürich and Jura with respect to ND in a subsequent notice.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622 and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.)

Done in Washington, DC.

Sarah Helming,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0063]

Domestic Quarantine: Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of the changes made to our lists of domestic quarantined areas in 2024. These changes may be viewed on the relevant plant pest programs' websites.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Derek A. Woller, Senior Regulatory

Policy Specialist, RCC, IRM, PEIP, PPQ, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705–5000; (480) 490–6454; *Derek.A.Woller@usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 301 are designed to prevent the interstate spread of plant pests that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States. Subparts C through X (§§ 301.32 through 301.92–12, referred to below as the regulations) each address a specific plant pest and contain criteria for designating certain areas of the United States as quarantined areas¹ for the specific plant pest. The regulations restrict the interstate movement of certain regulated articles from quarantined areas in order to prevent the spread of plant pests to noninfected areas of the United States.

In accordance with the regulations, APHIS keeps updated lists of quarantined areas on the relevant plant pest programs' websites, which are listed in the relevant subpart of the regulations. When a change to the status of a plant pest threat occurs, APHIS takes appropriate action to add, expand, remove, or reduce a quarantined area, and the relevant APHIS plant pest program updates the web-based list of quarantined areas for their program. APHIS also publishes a yearly notice informing the public of all updates to quarantined areas that have occurred since publication of the last notice informing the public of such updates.

Since our last notice² informing the public of updates to our lists of quarantined areas, the following actions revising our lists of quarantined areas have been taken. Updated lists of quarantined areas are available on the relevant plant pest programs' websites. For ease of access, direct links to each page are provided as footnotes in this document.

Asian Longhorned Beetle³

- DA–2024–02

Citrus Canker⁴

- DA–2024–04
- DA–2024–13

Karnal Bunt⁵

- DA–2024–05
- DA–2024–41

Imported Fire Ant⁶

Witchweed⁷

- DA–2024–26

Fruit Flies⁸

- DA–2024–07
- DA–2024–09
- DA–2024–11
- DA–2024–16
- DA–2024–18
- DA–2024–19
- DA–2024–20
- DA–2024–23
- DA–2024–24
- DA–2024–25
- DA–2024–28
- DA–2024–29
- DA–2024–32
- DA–2024–33
- DA–2024–37
- DA–2024–38
- DA–2024–40
- DA–2024–42
- DA–2024–44
- DA–2024–45
- DA–2024–46
- DA–2024–49

Citrus Greening⁹

- DA–2024–08
- DA–2024–15
- DA–2024–27
- DA–2024–35
- DA–2024–39
- DA–2024–43
- DA–2024–48

Pale Cyst Nematode¹⁰

- DA–2024–31

This notice serves as an official record and public notification of these actions.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3. Section 301.75–15 issued under Sec. 204, Title II, Public Law 106–113, 113 Stat. 1501A–293; sections 301.75–15 and 301.75–16 issued under Sec. 203, Title II, Public Law 106–224, 114 Stat. 400 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

Done in Washington, DC.

Sarah Helming,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

⁷ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/witchweed>.

⁸ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/fruit-flies>.

⁹ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/citrus-diseases/citrus-greening-and-asian-citrus-psyllid>.

¹⁰ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/pcn>.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on September 11, 2025. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items to be discussed at the 8th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH8) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). CCSCH8 will be held in Guwahati, Assam, India, from October 13–17, 2025. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 8th Session of the CCSCH and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 8th Session of the CCSCH will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCSCH&session=8>.

Mr. Dorian LaFond, U.S. Delegate to the 8th Session of the CCSCH, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: dorian.lafond@usda.gov. Comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 8th Session of the CCSCH.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting at the following link: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/ovdUu6-6Sie8yWTrugp0_A. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information about the 8th Session of the CCSCH, contact U.S. Delegate, Mr. Dorian LaFond, dorian.lafond@usda.gov. For additional information regarding the public meeting, contact the U.S. Codex Office by email at: uscodex@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Codex Alimentarius Commission was established in 1963. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers

¹ Certain subparts refer to quarantined areas as “regulated areas,” “protected areas,” or “suppressive/generally infested areas.”

² Docket No. APHIS–2019–0035, 89 FR 53382, June 26, 2024.

³ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/alb>.

⁴ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/citrus-diseases/citrus-canker>.

⁵ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/karnal-bunt>.

⁶ <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/ifa>.