



Import Alert: HPAI restrictions for avian commodities originating from or transiting British Columbia, Canada

Issuance Date: December 4, 2014

Effective immediately, and until further notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) is placing temporary prohibitions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, other types of birds (research, performing), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and by-products, and certain fresh poultry products from British Columbia, Canada. Any of these commodities originating from or transiting through the province of British Columbia are prohibited entry to the United States, based on the diagnosis of highly pathogenic avian influenza in commercial poultry. These restrictions may be updated as additional epidemiological information is obtained.

Previously, VS has placed avian commodity prohibitions on the following countries due to the presence of HPAI: Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cambodia, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, People's Republic of China, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, Sudan, Taipei Chinese/Taiwan, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam. These prohibitions continue in effect.

Processed avian products and by-products originating from or transiting through the province of British Columbia, Canada and imported as cargo, must be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products were treated according to APHIS requirements.

Processed avian products and by-products for personal use originating from or transiting through the province of British Columbia, Canada entering in passenger baggage not having a thoroughly cooked appearance, or not shelf-stable as a result of APHIS approved packaging and cooking (i.e. packaged in hermetically sealed containers and cooked by a commercial method after such packing to produce articles that are shelf stable without refrigeration), must also be accompanied by a APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products/by-products were treated according to APHIS requirements.

Unprocessed avian products and by-products originating from or transiting through the province of British Columbia, Canada are not permitted to enter the United States, unless consigned to a USDA

approved establishment or accompanied by an import permit issued by Veterinary Services. This also includes hunter harvested, non-fully finished avian trophies and meat in passenger baggage.

Canadian pet birds, (including U.S. returning birds) originating from provinces other than British Columbia, Canada, can enter the United States from Canada through a land border port only with a valid APHIS issued import permit and port inspection.

Canadian pet birds, (including U.S. returning birds and zoological birds) originating from, or transiting the province of British Columbia, Canada will be allowed entry to the United States under an APHIS import permit, and a CFIA endorsed health certificate and must undergo a 30-day quarantine.

For any other questions, please contact a local Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), Veterinary Regulatory Support (VRS) Agriculture Quarantine Inspection (AQI), Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO), or PPQ VRS headquarters staff in Riverdale, Maryland at (301) 851-2295.

Dr. Joyce Bowling-Heyward
National Director, Animal Imports and Exports
APHIS VS National Import Export Services