

## **Import Alert: HPAI restrictions for Avian Commodities Originating from or Transiting Through the Canton of Zürich, Switzerland**

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Effective March 22, 2023, and until further notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) is restricting the importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry products from the Canton of Zürich, in Switzerland. Any of these commodities originating from or transiting the Canton of Zürich, in Switzerland are prohibited, based on the diagnosis of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in domestic birds. All other Cantons in Switzerland are considered unaffected by HPAI.

Under these restrictions, processed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting the Canton of Zürich, in Switzerland, 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.

Importation, as cargo, of fresh, unprocessed shell/table eggs and other egg products, void of the shell (i.e., liquid eggs, dried egg whites), originating from or transiting any restricted region is prohibited, unless they are consigned from the port of arrival directly to an APHIS-approved breaking and pasteurization facility. An import permit and/or certificate is not required for these shipments when consigned directly to an APHIS-approved establishment.

Processed avian products and byproducts, including egg/egg products, for personal use originating from or transiting a restricted region, entering in passenger baggage must:

- have a thoroughly cooked appearance; and
- be 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); or
- be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products/byproducts were treated according to APHIS requirements.

Unprocessed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting the Canton of Zürich, in Switzerland will not be permitted to enter the United States. This includes hunter harvested, non-fully finished avian trophies and meat.

Importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, and hatching eggs will be prohibited. However, pet and zoo birds, pigeons, and doves, may be imported under an APHIS import permit, and will be subject to a 30-day quarantine at the New York Animal Import Center in Newburgh, NY or the Miami Animal Import Center in Miami, FL.

These restrictions will be updated as additional epidemiological information is obtained. Current information can be found on the [APHIS website](#).

## **Import Alert: Newcastle Disease Restrictions for Avian Commodities Originating from or Transiting Through the Canton of Zürich, Switzerland**

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Effective immediately, and until further notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) is adding the Canton of Zürich, in Switzerland, to the list of countries APHIS considers affected with Newcastle disease. All avians, including hatching eggs, from the Canton of Zürich will be required to go through a 30-day quarantine upon U.S. arrival. The type of quarantine (federal, private, or home) may vary, but must be specified on the import permit. All other Cantons in Switzerland are considered free from Newcastle disease; avian hatching eggs from those areas may be imported without 30-day quarantine. All other avian types would be required to enter 30 days of quarantine.

Fresh, unprocessed shell/table eggs, and other egg products void of the shell (i.e., liquid eggs, dried egg whites) originating from or transiting through the Canton of Zürich, imported as cargo, are prohibited unless they are accompanied by an appropriate APHIS table egg certification.

Processed avian products and byproducts for personal use, including egg/egg products, which originated from or transited through the Canton of Zürich, in passenger baggage must:

- Have a thoroughly cooked appearance;
- Be 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); and
- Be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products/byproducts were treated according to APHIS requirements.

Unprocessed edible avian products and byproducts, including hunter harvested meat, originating from or transiting through the Canton of Zürich will not be permitted to enter the United States.

Processed edible avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting through the Canton of Zürich, imported as cargo, must be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products/byproducts were treated according to APHIS requirements.

Inedible avian commodities (other than hunting trophies) from the Canton of Zürich must have a VS import permit as part of the entry documentation. Hunting trophies must be consigned to an APHIS-approved taxidermy establishment.

These restrictions will be updated as additional epidemiological information is obtained. Current information is available on the [APHIS website](#).