

Import Alert: HPAI restrictions for avian commodities originating from or transiting Mexico

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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 placing temporary prohibitions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, other types of birds (research and performing birds), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and by-products, and certain fresh poultry products from Mexico. Any of these commodities originating from or transiting through Mexico 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.

Processed avian products and by-products originating from or transiting through Mexico 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 Mexico 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 VS 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 Mexico will not be permitted to enter the United States in passenger baggage. This includes hunter harvested avian meat and carcasses.

Hunter harvested avian meat and carcasses must have a thoroughly cooked appearance.

Most inedible avian commodities (other than hunting trophies) from Mexico will require an APHIS import permit as part of the entry documentation. Please refer to the APHIS VS Permitting Assistant to determine the import requirements for a specific inedible avian commodity:

<https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/s/vs-permitting-assistant>.

Avian trophies entering the U.S. from Mexico must be fully finished, consigned to a USDA approved taxidermist, or accompanied by an APHIS import permit.

Fresh poultry products will continue to be allowed, with the appropriate certification, only from APHIS approved poultry processing establishments. A list of APHIS approved establishments can be found here: www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/import/approved-plants-for-mexican-poultry.pdf.

1. TIF Establishment 241 – Productura de Bocados Carnicos S.A. de C.V.
Monterrey.

2. TIF Establishment 636 – TAOS Alimentos, S.A. De C.V., Col. Parque Industrial, Hermosillo Son. Mexico.

3. TIF Establishment 483 – Alimentos SBF de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V.

All pet birds (both U.S. origin and non-U.S. origin), zoo birds, and pigeons and doves (Columbiformes) may be imported under an APHIS import permit and will be subject to a 30-day quarantine at the New York Animal 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 is available on the APHIS website.