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Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry

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Introduction and Subsidiary Locator

The *Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry* section covers carcasses of migratory and non-migratory game birds; cooked, smoked or cured, and fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and meat products of poultry and fowl; perishable poultry pate; and bouillon cubes and dry soup mixes containing pieces of poultry and fowl.



Never handle poultry meat or meat products from Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic¹, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sudan, Sweden¹, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, or Vietnam. You risk contracting exotic strains of avian influenza. (Country listing will be updated as country status changes.)

- 1 Regionalized country. **Only** VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). The areas in regionalized countries **NOT** listed in the VS-restricted zone are considered free from HPAI (H5N1). The VS defined areas follow: Czech Republic (regions (kraj) of Kralovehradecky and Pardubicky **ONLY**), Sweden (Kalmar county **ONLY**). Contact your local PPQ-VRS-AQI Veterinarian or a PPQ-VRS-HQ Staff Veterinarian for current information on VS-defined areas for regionalized countries.



Unprocessed poultry or poultry products which originated from countries where HPAI (H5N1) is known to occur are **only** admissible for research, scientific, or educational purposes, and then **only** under a VS-issued permit.



Commercial poultry products **NOT** from the VS-defined zone for HPAI (H5N1) in a regionalized country must be accompanied by a government veterinary export health certificate that states that the avian meat, meat by-products, and other avian products in the shipment were handled in facilities that do not receive, store, slaughter, or process any avian products derived from birds that originated in or were processed in the VS-restricted zone.







Processed poultry or poultry products which originated from countries where HPAI (H5N1) is known to occur are **only** admissible under a VS-issued permit.



Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial). If this government of origin certificate is not presented, then regulate using the table below.

TABLE 3-11-1 Action to Take for Poultry

| And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And is for: | And: | Then: | |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Affected with HPAI (H5N1)^{1 and 2} ◆ Affected with HPAI (H5N1)^{1 and 2} in combination with END | Processed, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bouillon cubes³ ◆ Broth containing poultry ◆ Game birds ◆ Poultry extract ◆ Powdered chicken meat |  | Is accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE | |
| | | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Unprocessed | Educational, research, or scientific purposes | | Is accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE |
| | | | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Other than educational, research, or scientific purposes | |  | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | ◆ Affected with END |  | | | GO to Table 3-11-2 |
| ◆ Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END |  | | | GO to Table 3-11-2 | |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer’s label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer’s declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial).

When a VS permit does **not** authorize entry, use the following table, **Table 3-11-2**, which directs you to the final regulatory action to take.



Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial). If this government of origin certificate is not presented, then regulate using the table below.

TABLE 3-11-2 Where to Find the Final Regulatory Action to Take When VS Permit Does Not Authorize Entry (Countries Free from HPAI (H5N1))

| If the importation is: | And the meat or meat products are: | And are: | Then: | |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Carcass of a wild, free-flying game bird that has been hunted (usually shot, netted, or trapped) | | → | GO to Table 3-11-3 | |
| Meat or meat products of poultry and fowl including pen-raised birds of any kind | Bouillon cubes, broth containing poultry, meat extract, and powdered chicken meat ¹ | → | GO to Table 3-11-12 | |
| | Cooked, shelf stable (hermetically sealed can) ² | From game birds | | RELEASE |
| | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | | REFER TO FSIS |
| | | From other than game birds or ratites | | REFER TO FSIS |
| | Cooked | → | GO to Table 3-11-5 | |
| | Fresh (chilled or frozen) | From Argentina | | Go to Table 3-11-16 |
| | | From Mexico | | GO to Table 3-11-16 |
| | | From other than Mexico or Argentina | | GO to Table 3-11-16 |
| | Perishable pâté | → | GO to Table 3-11-8 | |
| | Pieces and chunks, and/or fat in dry soup mixes | → | GO to Table 3-11-13 | |
| | Rendered poultry fat (schmaltz) | From game birds | | RELEASE |
| From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | | | REFER TO FSIS | |
| From other than game birds or ratites | | | REFER TO FSIS | |
| Smoked or cured | → | GO to Table 3-11-14 | | |

- 1 Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer's label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer's declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial).
- 2 Determine shelf stability in cargo just as you would in baggage. See [Table 2-3-3 on page 2-3-8](#).

Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

TABLE 3-11-3 Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation has: | Then: |
|-----------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Carcass of game birds | Affected with END only , but free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | → | GO to Table 3-11-4 |
| | Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | Not transited a country known to be affected with END | RELEASE |
| | | Transited a country known to be affected with END | GO to Table 3-11-4 |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END or Transited a Country or Region Known to Be Affected with END

TABLE 3-11-4 Carcasses of Game Birds from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free From HPAI (H5N1) but Affected with END or Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the bird: | And the importation is: | And is from: | Then: |
|----------------------|--|---|---|-------------------|---|
| Carcass of game bird | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} , but affected with END ♦ Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} , but transited a country known to be affected with END | Has been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have been removed | → | | 1. RELEASE 2. ADVISE Customs that the importation may need to be cleared by U.S. Department of Interior |
| | | Has not been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have not been removed | Consigned to an approved establishment for processing as a trophy | Mexico | 1. AUTHORIZE shipment by the importer under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete form) 2. RECORD the importer's driver's license number and vehicle number on VS 16-78 |
| | | | | Other than Mexico | AUTHORIZE shipment by the importer under seal with VS 16-78 (see Appendix K to complete form) |
| | | Not consigned to an approved establishment | → | | 1. DO NOT RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see Table 2-2-11) |

1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.

2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from Countries or Regions Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

TABLE 3-11-5 Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Cooked meat or meat products of poultry and fowl | Free from both END and HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | From game birds | RELEASE |
| | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | REFER to FSIS |
| | | From other than game birds or ratites | REFER to FSIS |
| | Affected with END, but free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | Commercial importation | GO to Table 3-11-6 |
| | | In passenger baggage | GO to Table 3-11-7 |

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- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Commercial Importations of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free From HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END

Determine if the commercial importation of cooked meat or meat products is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the product was thoroughly cooked. Continue to [Table 3-11-6](#).

TABLE 3-11-6 Commercial Importations of Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And: | Then: |
|---|---|---|--|---------------|
| Commercial importation of cooked meat or meat products of poultry or fowl | Affected with END, but free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | From game birds | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | From ratites (e.g. cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | From other than game birds or ratites | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 A certification from the government of origin stating that the product was thoroughly cooked to a minimum temperature of 161°F (72°C).

Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl in Passenger Baggage from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END

Inspect the poultry products to determine if the cooked meat or meat products are thoroughly cooked (thoroughly cooked means being heated so that the meat's flesh and juices have lost all red or pink color).

**TABLE 3-11-7 Cooked Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl in Passenger
Baggage from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from
HPAI (H5N1), but Affected with END**

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the meat or meat products: | Then: |
|--|--|---|--------------|
| Cooked meat or meat products of poultry or fowl in passenger baggage | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} , but affected with END | Have been dressed and cooked, losing all red or pink color | RELEASE |
| | | Are still red or pink indicating they were not thoroughly cooked | REFUSE ENTRY |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

To determine where to find the regulatory action to take on perishable poultry pâté from a country or region known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), see [Table 3-11-8](#) below.

TABLE 3-11-8 Locator for Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the pâté: | And the pork product: | Then: |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Perishable poultry pâté | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | Contains pork or pork products including lard | Is lard (rendered fat) only | GO to Table 3-11-9 |
| | | | Is any pork product other than lard (includes unrendered fat) | GO to Table 3-11-10 |
| | | Does not appear to contain pork or pork products | → | GO to Table 3-11-11 |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), and the Pâté Contains Pork or Pork Products of Lard (Rendered Fat) Only

To determine the action to take on perishable poultry pâté from a country or region of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), and the pâté also contains pork or pork products of lard (rendered fat) **only**, see [Table 3-11-9](#) below.

TABLE 3-11-9 Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), and the Pâté Contains Pork or Pork Products of Lard (Rendered Fat) Only

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And: | Then: |
|---|--|---|---------------|
| Perishable poultry pâté containing pork or pork products of lard (rendered fat) only | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} and END | → | REFER to FSIS |
| | | Is appropriately certified ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | Lacks certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.

- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 A certification from the government of origin stating that the product was thoroughly cooked to a minimum temperature of 161°F (72°C).

Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), and the Pâté also Contains Pork or Pork Products (Including Unrendered Fat) Other than Lard

To determine the action to take on perishable poultry pâté from a country or region of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), and the pâté also contains pork or pork products (including unrendered fat) **other than lard**, see [Table 3-11-10](#).

TABLE 3-11-10 Pâté from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), and the Pâté Contains Pork or Pork Products (Including Unrendered Fat) Other than Lard

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And is: | And the importation: | Then: |
|---|---|--|--|---------------|
| Perishable poultry pâté containing pork or pork products (including unrendered fat) other than lard | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² and END | Free from ASF, CSF, FMD, and SVD | —————→ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | Affected with ASF | —————→ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Affected with CSF | Is appropriately certified ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Affected with FMD | —————→ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Affected with SVD | Is appropriately certified ⁴ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks certification ⁴ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Affected with both CSF and SVD | Is appropriately certified ³ and ⁴ | REFER to FSIS |
| | Lacks the certification ³ and ⁴ | | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² , but affected with END | Free from ASF, CSF, FMD, and SVD | Is appropriately certified ⁵ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks certification ⁵ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Affected with ASF | —————→ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | Affected with CSF | Is appropriately certified ³ and ⁵ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks certification ³ and ⁵ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| Affected with FMD | | —————→ | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| Affected with SVD | | Is appropriately certified ⁴ and ⁵ | REFER to FSIS | |
| | | Lacks certification ⁴ and ⁵ | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| Affected with both CSF and SVD | Is appropriately certified ³ and ⁴ and ⁵ | REFER to FSIS | | |
| | Lacks certification ³ and ⁴ and ⁵ | REFUSE ENTRY | | |

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- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

- 3 In addition to the foreign meat inspection certificate required by 9CFR§327.4 (see [page G-1-50](#) through [page G-1-54](#)), the meat **must** be accompanied by a certificate issued by an official of the national government of the region of origin who is authorized to issue the foreign meat inspection certificate which states:
 - ◆ All bones were completely removed prior to cooking
 - ◆ The pork product was heated by **other than** a flash-heating method to an internal temperature of 156°F (69°C) throughout
- 4 In addition to the foreign meat inspection certificate required by 9CFR§327.4 (see [page G-1-50](#) through [page G-1-54](#)), the meat **must** be accompanied by a certificate issued by an official of the national government of the region of origin who is authorized to issue the foreign meat inspection certificate which states:
 - ◆ All bones were completely removed prior to cookingand also includes either **one** of the statements below (but **not** both):
 - ◆ The pork product received heat treatment in a commercially-accepted manner used for perishable canned pork products so that it reached an internal temperature of 156°F (69°C) throughout
OR
 - ◆ The pork received continual treatment in an oven for a minimum of 10 hours so that it reached an internal temperature of 56°F (69°C) throughout. The oven temperature started at a minimum of 62°C (143°F) and reached at least 85°C (185°F)
- 5 A certification from the government of origin stating that the product was thoroughly cooked to a minimum temperature of 161°F (72°C).

Perishable Poultry Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), and the Pâté Does Not Appear to Contain Pork or Pork Products

To determine the action to take on perishable poultry pâté from a country or region of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), and the pâté **does not** appear to contain pork or pork products, see **Table 3-11-11**.

TABLE 3-11-11 Pâté from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Does Not Appear to Contain Pork or Pork Products

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation: | Then: |
|--|--|---|---------------|
| Perishable poultry pâté that does not appear to contain pork or pork products | Free from both HPAI (H5N1)) ^{1 and 2} and END | —————→ | REFER to FSIS |
| | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} , but affected with END | Is appropriately certified ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | Lacks certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |

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- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 A certification from the government of origin stating that the product was thoroughly cooked to a minimum temperature of 161°F (72°C).

Bouillon Cubes, Broth Containing Poultry, Meat Extract, and Powdered Chicken Meat from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)



Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer’s label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer’s declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial). If this government of origin certificate is not presented, then regulate using the table below.

To determine the action to take on bouillon cubes of poultry origin, meat extract of poultry origin, and powdered chicken meat from a country or region of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), see [Table 3-11-12](#).

TABLE 3-11-12 Bouillon Cubes of Poultry Origin, Broth Containing Poultry, Meat Extract of Poultry Origin, and Powdered Chicken Meat from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation: | Then: |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| ◆ Bouillon cubes of poultry origin ¹ | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) and END ^{2 and 3} | —————→ | RELEASE |
| ◆ Broth containing poultry ¹ | Free from HPAI (H5N1), but affected with END ^{2 and 3} | Is accompanied by a VS permit | RELEASE |
| ◆ Meat extract of poultry origin ¹ | | Lacks a VS permit | REFUSE ENTRY |
| ◆ Powdered chicken meat | | | |

- 1 Bouillon cubes, stock, dehydrated soup mixes, extracts, flavorings and other edible products with an original manufacturer’s label indicating that the product contains animal-origin ingredients, and with additional non-original labeling or other types of manufacturer’s declarations indicating that the product actually contains only artificial ingredients, can only be released if accompanied by a government of origin certificate stating that the ingredients or flavors are of non-animal origin (artificial).
- 2 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 3 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country cannot be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes With Poultry Meat from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

Determine if the importation of dehydrated (dry) soup mixes containing pieces of poultry meat is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the product was heated to a minimum internal temperature of 161°F (72°C).



Important

Certification validated by a government veterinarian in the country of origin is acceptable. If you are **not** satisfied with the accompanying documentation, contact PPQ, VRS.

TABLE 3-11-13 Dehydrated (Dry) Soup Mixes Containing Pieces and Chunks, and/or Fat of Poultry Meat from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And the importation: | Then: |
|--|---|--|--|--------------|
| Dehydrated soup mixes containing pieces and chunks, and/or fat of poultry meat | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² , but affected with END | From game birds | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | From other than game birds and ratites | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² and END | From game birds | → | RELEASE |
| | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | → | RELEASE |
| | | From other than game birds and ratites | → | RELEASE |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 A meat inspection certificate declaring that:
 - ◆ All meat is free of bones
 - ◆ Meat product has been cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 161°F (72°C).

Reference: Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry

Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI

Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

TABLE 3-11-14 Determine the Status of Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Poultry or Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | Then: |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Smoked or cured meat or meat products of poultry or fowl | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² , but affected with END | —————→ | GO to Table 3-11-15 |
| | Free from both HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² and END | From game birds | RELEASE |
| | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | REFER to FSIS |
| | | From other than game birds and ratites | REFER to FSIS |

1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.

2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected With END

Determine if the importation is accompanied by government of origin certification stating that the smoked or cured poultry products have been heated to a minimum temperature range of 161° F (72° C).

TABLE 3-11-15 Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1), but Affected With END

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And the importation: | Then: |
|--|---|--|--|---------------|
| Smoked or cured meat or meat products of poultry or fowl | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² , but affected with END | From game birds | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | RELEASE |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |
| | | From other than game birds and ratites | Is accompanied by the appropriate certification ³ | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Lacks the certification ³ | REFUSE ENTRY |

Reference: Foreign Origin Meat and Meat Products, Poultry
Smoked or Cured Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 A meat inspection certificate declaring that the meat product has been heated to a minimum internal temperature of 161°F (72°C).

Fresh Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

To determine the action to take on importations of fresh (chilled or frozen) meat and meat products of poultry or fowl from a country of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1), see [Table 3-11-16](#).

TABLE 3-11-16 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1)

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation is: | And: | Then: |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat or meat products of poultry and fowl | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} | Free from END | Is from Argentina | GO to Table 3-11-20 |
| | | | Is from Mexico | GO to Table 3-11-17 |
| | | | Is from other than Argentina or Mexico | GO to Table 3-11-18 |
| | | Affected with END | Is from Mexico | GO to Table 3-11-17 |
| | | | Is from other than Mexico | REFUSE ENTRY |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Poultry from Mexico

To determine the action to take on importations of fresh (chilled or frozen) poultry from Mexico, see [Table 3-11-17](#).

TABLE 3-11-17 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Poultry from Mexico

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the poultry was: | And the importation: | And the poultry is: | Then: |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---------------|
| Fresh (chilled or frozen) poultry | Mexico | Processed in an APHIS-approved processing plant (see Figure 3-11-1 on page 3-11-23) | Is accompanied by a meat inspection certificate issued by an authorized official of the Mexican Government that includes the required Annex (see Mexican Annex to Certificate for POULTRY PRODUCTS, Figure G-1-8 on page G-1-17) | From game birds | RELEASE |
| | | | | From ratites (e.g. cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | | From other than game birds and ratites | REFER to FSIS |
| | | Lacks the certificate and the Annex | —————→ | REFUSE ENTRY | |
| | Not processed in an approved plant | —————→ | | REFUSE ENTRY | |

List of Approved Mexican Poultry Processing Plant

| Plant Number | Name/Address |
|-----------------------|---|
| TIF Establishment 241 | Productura de bocados camicos S.A. De C.V. Monterrey |

FIGURE 3-11-1 List of Approved Mexican Poultry Processing Plant

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or Region Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1) and Free from END

Determine if there is adequate proof of origin present for the importation of fresh (chilled or frozen) meat or meat products of poultry and fowl from a country or region known to be free from HPAI (H5N1) and Free from END.

EXAMPLE The importation accompanied by an official meat inspection certificate or the packaging labels showing the country of origin would constitute adequate proof of origin.

Continue on to [Table 3-11-18](#).

TABLE 3-11-18 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Meat or Meat Products of Poultry and Fowl from a Country or region Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And there is: | And the importation: | And is: | Then: |
|---|--|---|---|--|---------------|
| Fresh (chilled or frozen) meat or meat products of poultry and fowl | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ^{1 and 2} and END | Adequate proof of origin ³ | Did not transit a country known to be affected with END | From game birds | RELEASE |
| | | | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | | From other than game birds and ratites | REFER to FSIS |
| | | Transited a country known to be affected with END | → | GO to Table 3-11-19 | |
| | | No adequate proof of origin | → | | REFUSE ENTRY |


- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 Documentary evidence of the origin of the animal product. Examples includes meat inspection certificate, certificate of origin, bill of lading, invoice, label, and document on official letterhead prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller.

Fresh Meat of Poultry from a Country or Region of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END, but Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

Review the accompanying documents to verify that the importation of fresh meat of poultry from a country or region of origin known to be free from HPAI (H5N1) and END, which transited a country known to be affected with END met transiting requirements which are summarized below:

- ◆ Meat was sealed in the country of origin by an official of that country with serially-numbered seals
- ◆ Serial numbers of the seals are recorded on the accompanying documentation
- ◆ Seals are intact, and there is **no** evidence indicating that the seals were tampered with
- ◆ Meat matches what is described on the accompanying documentation

TABLE 3-11-19 Determine Status of Fresh Meat of Poultry from a Country of Origin Known to Be Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END, but Transited a Country Known to Be Affected with END

| If: | And the country or region of export is: | And the importation transited a country known to be: | And the importation: | And is: | Then: |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|---------------|
| Fresh meat of poultry | Free from HPAI (H5N1) ¹ and ² and END | Affected with END | Meets transiting requirements ³ | From game birds | RELEASE |
| | | | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich, and rhea) | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | | From other than game birds or ratites | REFER to FSIS |
| | | | Does not meet transiting requirements ³ |  | REFUSE ENTRY |

- 1 In regionalized countries only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See [page 3-11-3](#) for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 Commercial poultry shipments from regionalized countries must indicate the **region of origin**, to ensure that the poultry **does not** originate from an HPAI (H5N1)-affected area (VS-restricted zone) in the country. If the region of origin in the country **cannot** be determined, the shipment must be accompanied by a VS permit.
- 3 Review of the accompanying documents verify the importation meets the following transiting requirements:
 - ◆ Meat was sealed in the country of origin by an official of that country with serially-numbered seals
 - ◆ Serial numbers of the seals are recorded on the accompanying documentation
 - ◆ Seals are intact, and there is no evidence indicating that the seals were tampered with
 - ◆ Meat matches what is described on the accompanying documentation

Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Poultry from Argentina

To determine the action to take on importations of fresh (chilled or frozen) poultry from Argentina, see [Table 3-11-20](#)

TABLE 3-11-20 Fresh (Chilled or Frozen) Poultry from Argentina

| IF: | And the country or region of origin is: | And the poultry was: | And the importation: | And the poultry is: | Then: |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| Fresh (chilled or frozen poultry) | Argentina | Processed in an APHIS-approved processing plant | Is appropriately certified ¹ | From game birds | REFUSE ENTRY ² |
| | | | | From ratites (e.g., cassowary, emu, kiwi, ostrich and rhea) | REFUSE ENTRY ² |
| | | | | From other than game birds and ratites | REFUSE ENTRY ² |
| | | | Lacks certification ¹ | → | REFUSE ENTRY ² |

1 A meat inspection certificate prescribed in 9CFR§327.4, and additional certification (placed on the foreign meat inspection certificate or contained in a separate document) that states:

- ◆ The poultry meat or other poultry products are derived from poultry that meet all requirements of 9CFR§94.26 and that have been slaughtered in a region designated in 9CFR§94.6 as free of END at a federally inspected slaughter plant that is under the direct supervision of a full-time salaried veterinarian of the national Government of the exporting region and that is approved to export poultry meat and other poultry products to the United States in accordance with 9CFR§381.196.
- ◆ The poultry meat or other poultry products have not been in contact with poultry meat or other poultry products from any region where END is considered to exist.
- ◆ The poultry meat or other poultry products have not transited through a region where END is considered to exist unless moved directly through the region in a sealed means of conveyance with the seal intact upon arrival at the point of destination; and,
- ◆ If processed, the poultry meat or other poultry products were processed in a region designated in 9CFR§94.6 as free of END in a federally inspected processing plant that is under the direct supervision of a full-time salaried veterinarian of the national Government of the exporting region.

2 At the current time, there are no approved poultry processing plants in Argentina; therefore, refuse entry on all poultry shipments.