

IMPORT ALERT: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) restrictions for avian commodities originating from or transiting Uganda

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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 prohibitions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, other types of birds (zoological, research, performing), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and by-products, and certain fresh poultry products from Uganda. Any of these commodities originating from or transiting through Uganda are prohibited entry to the United States, based on the diagnosis of highly pathogenic avian influenza in commercial poultry. These restrictions will be updated as additional epidemiological information is obtained. Current information can be found on the APHIS website: [Animal Health Status of Regions](#).

Processed avian products and by-products originating from or transiting through Uganda 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 Uganda 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 Uganda are not permitted to enter in passenger baggage. This includes hunter harvested, non-fully finished avian trophies and meat.

U.S. origin and non U.S. origin, pet birds will be allowed to import to the US from Uganda under an APHIS import permit, and undergo a required 30-day quarantine in one of the two USDA Quarantine Centers.

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