

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

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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 (research, performing), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and by-products, and certain fresh poultry products from Zimbabwe. Any of these commodities originating from or transiting through Zimbabwe 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](#).

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, Cambodia, Cameroon, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, 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, Uganda, Ukraine, and Vietnam. These prohibitions continue in effect.

Processed avian products and by-products originating from or transiting through Zimbabwe 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 Zimbabwe 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 Zimbabwe 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, or zoological birds, will be allowed to import to the US from Zimbabwe under an APHIS import permit, and undergo a required 30-day quarantine in one of the two USDA Quarantine Centers below. Contact information for the USDA Quarantine Centers is listed below:

New York Animal Import Center
230-59 Rockaway Boulevard
Suite 101
Jamaica, New York 11413
Phone: (845) 838-5500
Fax: (845) 838-5516

Miami Animal Import Center

USDA/APHIS/VS
6300 NW 36th Street
Miami, Florida 33122
Phone: (305) 876-2200
Fax:(305) 876-2201

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.