Import Alert: HPAI Restrictions for Avian Commodities Originating from or Transiting Aichi, Aomori, Chiba, Fukuoka, Fukushima, Hiroshima, Hokkaido, Hyogo, Ibaraki, Kagawa, Kagoshima, Miyagi, Miyazaki, Nagasaki, Niigata, Okayama, Okinawa, Saga, Saitama, Tottori, Wakayama, and Yamagata Prefectures in Japan

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Hokkaido Prefecture
November 1, 2022—Kagawa Prefecture
November 4, 2022—Ibaraki Prefecture
November 11, 2022—Wakayama Prefecture
November 13, 2022—Hyogo Prefecture
November 18, 2022—Kagoshima Prefecture
Niigata Prefecture
November 20, 2022—Miyazaki Prefecture
Aomori Prefecture
November 23, 2022—Miyagi Prefecture
November 26, 2022—Chiba Prefecture
November 29, 2022—Fukushima Prefecture
December 1, 2022—Tottori Prefecture
December 5, 2022—Aichi Prefecture
December 6, 2022—Saga Prefecture
December 8, 2022—Yamagata Prefecture
December 16, 2022—Hiroshima Prefecture
Okinawa Prefecture
December 17, 2022—Saitama Prefecture
December 19, 2022—Fukuoka Prefecture
December 22, 2022—Nagasaki Prefecture

Effective on the dates listed above (in bold) and as previously announced (non-bold), 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 originating from or transiting the prefectures listed above, due to the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in domestic birds.

Under these restrictions, processed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting any restricted prefecture, 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 prefecture 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 prefecture, entering in passenger baggage must:

- have a thoroughly cooked appearance; or
- 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 a restricted prefecture are not 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 originating from or transiting a restricted prefecture is 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.