

IMPORT ALERT: Canton in Switzerland affected by Newcastle Disease

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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 adding the Canton of Ticino, in Switzerland, as being affected with Newcastle disease. Formerly, the Canton of Neuchatel, (only) was recognized as affected with Newcastle disease. All avians, including hatching eggs, from either of these two (2) Canton areas, will be required to go through a 30 day quarantine upon U.S arrival. The type of quarantine used may vary (federal, home or private approved); the import permit will describe which type of quarantine is to be used.

All other Cantons in Switzerland are considered free from Newcastle and hatching eggs of avian are allowed to import without 30 day quarantine. Other countries for which the United States considers to be "free" from Newcastle disease can be found at this link: [Newcastle Disease Free](#)

All unprocessed and processed avian meat, meat products, edible by-products as well as egg products originating from, or transiting Cantons Neuchatel or Ticino, and imported as cargo, must be accompanied by adequate proof of origin. "Proof of origin" is documentary evidence of an animal product's origin such as an official government meat inspection certificate; an official government certificate of origin; a commercial label; a bill of lading, an invoice; or a document on official letterhead prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller. Processed

avian meat, products and edible by-products as well as eggs and egg products for personal use originating from or transiting through Switzerland entering in passenger baggage are restricted.

Inedible avian commodities (other than birds' nests) from Cantons Neuchatel or Ticino, will continue to require a VS import permit as part of the entry documentation.

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.

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