

FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE PREVENTION GUIDANCE REGARDING ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND SOIL FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS RETURNING TO THE US FROM HAITI

USDA considers Haiti to be affected with the following economically important foreign animal diseases: classical swine fever, Teschen's disease, exotic Newcastle disease (END) and New World screwworm. Additionally, the increased emergency influx of foreign personnel, vehicles and equipment into Haiti creates a potential pathway for the entry of other foreign animal diseases (FAD) into Haiti, such as foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), African swine fever and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1, which present an even greater threat to our US animal health.

As a returning emergency responder you can help prevent the entry of FADs from Haiti by strictly adhering to the following guidance when determining whether animal product or equipment should be allowed to enter the United States.

WHAT TO DO WITH ANIMAL PRODUCTS

If:	And is:	And is:	And the product:	Then:
Meat	Commercially canned ¹	Beef, bison, caribou, deer, elk, moose, reindeer or yak	Originated in countries affected with-or-at risk for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) ²	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
			Originated in Canada or a country not listed above	ALLOWED ENTRY
		Goat, lamb, mutton, or musk ox	Originated in Canada and countries affected with-or-at risk for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) ²	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
			Originated in other than a country listed above	ALLOWED ENTRY
		Fish or pork	—————→	
		Poultry	Originated in countries with Highly Pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza ³	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
	Originated in other than a country listed above		ALLOWED ENTRY	
	other than commercially canned ⁴	Fish	—————→	ALLOWED ENTRY
		Other than Fish	—————→	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
	Dairy	Butter	—————→	ALLOWED ENTRY
Cheese		Hard or firm	Has meat inside	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
			Has no meat inside	ALLOWED ENTRY
		Soft (like cottage cheese)	—————→	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
Milk		Hermetically sealed canned evaporated milk (sugar not listed as ingredient)	—————→	ALLOWED ENTRY

Dairy (cont.)	Milk (cont.)	Infant formula	Consist of several days supply Is more than several days supply	ALLOWED ENTRY
		Other than a milk product listed above	→	DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER THE US
	A dairy product Other than a dairy product listed above	→		
	Hides, feathers, leather, skins, or trophies	Fully professional taxidermy finished trophies, fully tanned leather, or manufactured items		
	Untanned leather; untreated hides, skins or parts, or feathers with skin		DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER	
An animal product not listed in the cells above ⁵	→			

1. The product **MUST** be hermetically sealed, fully cooked, and shelf stable. If you are **unable** to make this discrimination, **DO NOT ALLOW TO ENTER**.

2. Countries affected with-or-at risk for **Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)** are Albania, Andorra, Aruba, Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Croatia, Curacao, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, French Guiana, French Polynesia, French Southern Territories, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guadeloupe, Hungary, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Martinique, Monaco, Montserrat, Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Northern Ireland, Norway, Oman, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Reunion, Romania, Saint Helena, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Society Island (Tahiti), Spain, Svalbard and Jan Mayen, Sweden, Switzerland, Tahiti, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands (British), Wales, Wallis and Futuna Islands.

3. Countries affected with **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1** are Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic (regions (kraj) of Kralovehradecky and Pardubicky ONLY), 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, Sweden (Kalmar county ONLY), Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, or Vietnam. (Country listing will be updated as country status changes.)

4. Cooked, cured, dried, smoked, or fresh frozen including meat in sandwiches.

5. Biologicals, blood, glands, organs, manure, pet food, semen, or secretions for example.

WHAT TO DO WITH SOIL CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT

FADs, in particular FMD and END, can be readily carried into the United States by soil contaminated equipment and footwear. Controlling soil contamination is of prime importance to prevent the entry of FADs.

Soil is a frequent contaminant of all of the following:

- Earth moving equipment
- Personal gear (especially footwear)
- Tents and pegs
- Digging tools
- Souvenirs (rocks, soil, manufactured wooden articles)
- Backpacks
- Vehicles
- Storage containers
- Crates, dunnage, and pallets

Any items contaminated with soils must not be allowed to enter the United States. Contaminated footwear must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to embarking the returning aircraft or vessel by removing all visible excess soil and applying a 0.1% solution of sodium hypochlorite.

A 0.1% solution of sodium hypochlorite can be prepared by adding 5 tablespoons (2.5 ounces) of a 5.25% solution of chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water (or 1 gallon of chlorine bleach to 50 gallons of water) or adding 4 tablespoons and 1 teaspoon (2.3 ounces or 65 ml) of a 6% solution of chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water (or 13 cups of chlorine bleach to 50 gallons of water). The solution must be mixed thoroughly prior to use. Remember to wear personal protective equipment when preparing disinfectant solutions.