

Known Animal Health Bans

H1N1 Flu

Croatia currently bans the import of certain pork products from the United States. Please see the below document for details.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Development

Unofficial Translation of Draft Ordinance Being Applied by Croatia:

On the basis of the article 17. section 3 of the Veterinary Act (“Governmental Gazette” num. 47/07), Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development issues

THE ORDINANCE

On the ban of imports and ban of transshipments through the territory of the Republic of Croatia for live pigs and their products with a purpose of preventing introduction of the swine flue virus subtype H1N1

I

1. For the prevention of introduction to the Republic of Croatia of the swine flu virus subtype H1N1 it is prohibited for the following shipments coming from the North and South Americas to enter the Republic of Croatia:

- a) live domestic and wild swine
- b) semen of domestic and wild swine
- c) embryos/egg cells from domestic and wild swine
- d) meat from domestic and wild swine
- e) meat products from domestic and wild swine that have not been under treatment that most definitely kills the swine flue virus
- f) products of animal (swine) origin intended for agricultural, industrial and other uses that that have not been under treatment that most definitely kills the swine flue virus
- g) products of animal (swine) origin intended for pharmaceutical or medical (chirurgical) use that that have not been under treatment that most definitely kills the swine flue virus
- h) pathological material and biological products (from swine) that that have not been under treatment that most definitely kills the swine flue virus

2. This ban refers also to shipments of domestic and wild swine that originate from the countries that are not under the ban if they have been in transshipment trough the continents of North and South Americas before entering the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

II

Ban from the paragraph I of this Ordinance is not applied to the following shipments:

- a) swine meat products that have been under treatment that most definitely kills the swine flue virus:

- hermetically sealed, heat treated meat cans that were during the production submitted to the treatment of Fo value 3 and higher that is long life duration canned goods;
- swine meat products in which during the production reached the temperature of 70°C (in the whole product);

b) raw hides and skins if they were treated in one of the following ways:

- treatment with Ca base at pH 12 to 13 for minimum 8 to 10 hours and afterwards treated with acid at pH 1 to 3 for minimum 6 to 10 hours;
- salted with sea salt with addition of 2% *calcirana soda* for minimum 7 days and if afterwards warehoused for minimum 30 days before loading at the place of origin;
- dried for 42 days at temperature of 20 °C

Treatment must be stated on the veterinary certificate.

c) products chemically fully treated like wet-blue skin, chromate skin, cooked swine hare, etc...

d) technical fat and gelatin treated with heat where the temperature in the center of the product during treatment reached minimum 70°C

e) intestines if they were treated in one of the following ways:

- salted with NaCl during 30 days;
- Bleached
- dried after scraping

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f) wild animal trophies cooked in the boiling water long enough that all tissues are removed except bones, hoofs, claws or teeth and which were disinfected with disinfection chemical approved by the responsible body of the exporting country, especially by using peroxide with trophies that contain bones.

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III

This Ordinance will be in power from the day of publishing in the Governmental Gazette.

Minister:

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