

## **Import Alert: Import Restrictions on Canada due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza**

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### **Newly restricted zone(s)**

February 28, 2025 – PCZ-262 in Ontario

### **Newly released zone(s)**

March 10, 2025 – PCZ-256 in Ontario

March 10, 2025 – PCZ-259 in Ontario

March 10, 2025 – PCZ-FV9 in British Columbia

Effective on the date(s) listed above, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is updating its list of zones in Canada that are subject to restrictions on the importation of certain avian commodities.

The updated list of currently restricted zones is provided below. Importation into the United States of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry products originating from or transiting these zone(s) is prohibited:

PCZ-254 in Ontario  
PCZ-257 in British Columbia  
PCZ-258 in Ontario  
PCZ-260 in Quebec  
PCZ-261 in Newfoundland and Labrador  
PCZ-262 in Ontario  
PCZ-FV3 in British Columbia  
PCZ-FV4 in British Columbia  
PCZ-FV5 in British Columbia  
PCZ-FV6 in British Columbia  
PCZ-FV7 in British Columbia  
PCZ-FV8 in British Columbia

APHIS imposed these restrictions due to the diagnosis of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in domestic birds in Canada. Maps of the restricted zones are available on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) [highly pathogenic avian influenza zones webpage](#).

APHIS lifts its import restrictions on zones in Canada after they have met World Organisation for Animal Health criteria for recovery of HPAI free status described in Article 10.4.6 of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

All pet birds, zoo birds, and Columbiformes must be accompanied by a health certificate endorsed by the CFIA. Pet birds and Columbiformes entering the United States by air, and all zoo birds, must have an APHIS-issued import permit. An import permit is not required for pet

birds and Columbiformes entering the United States by land if they do not originate from or transit a restricted zone, except pet birds transiting through Canada from the lower 48 States to Alaska. Pet birds, zoo birds, and Columbiformes originating from or transiting a restricted zone must be flown directly to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, or Miami International Airport in Florida to undergo a 30-day federal quarantine that includes mandatory testing; they may not enter by land.

Processed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting a restricted zone, imported as cargo, must be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products were treated in accordance with APHIS requirements.

Fully finished, non-shelf stable and/or non-commercially packaged and labeled food products containing pasteurized egg/egg product ingredients, originating from or transiting all of Canada must be accompanied by an APHIS import permit.

Importation of fresh, unprocessed shell/table eggs and other egg products, void of the shell (i.e., liquid eggs and dried egg whites), originating from or transiting a restricted zone, imported as cargo, 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/are not required for these shipments if they are consigned to an APHIS-approved establishment.

Processed avian products and byproducts, including eggs and egg products, for personal use originating from or transiting all of Canada and 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 a hermetically sealed container and cooked by a commercial method after such packing to produce an article that is shelf stable without refrigeration); or
- be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products or byproducts were treated in accordance with APHIS requirements.

Unprocessed avian products and byproducts for personal use or in passenger baggage originating from or transiting all of Canada will not be permitted to enter the United States.

Hunter-harvested wild game bird meat, carcasses, and trophies must meet the conditions outlined in the APHIS Import Alert issued August 15, 2023, which can be found on the [Temporary Restrictions List](#) at the “Canada - Hunter Harvested Wild Game Bird Carcasses” link.

These restrictions will be updated as additional epidemiological information is obtained.

More information is available on the APHIS website:

- [Bringing Live Animals and Germplasm into the United States From Another Country \(Import\)](#),
- [Animal Product Imports](#), and
- [Avian Influenza](#): disease, prevention, and control information.

