

Import Alert: HPAI restrictions for Avian Commodities Originating from or Transiting New Zealand.

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Effective December 1, 2024, 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 from all of New Zealand. Importation of any of these commodities originating from or transiting New Zealand is prohibited, based on APHIS' determination that highly pathogenic avian influenza exists in domestic birds in New Zealand.

Under these restrictions, processed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting New Zealand, 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 New Zealand 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 New Zealand, entering in passenger baggage must:

- have a thoroughly cooked appearance; and
- 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 for personal use or in passenger baggage originating from or transiting New Zealand will not be permitted to enter the United States. This includes hunter harvested avian meat.

Avian hunting trophies, unless fully taxidermy finished, must be consigned to an APHIS-approved taxidermy establishment.

Importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, and hatching eggs 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 [Live Animal Import Avian imports](#) and [Animal Product Import APHIS website](#).