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**Report Highlights:**

Effective April 18, 2022, Taiwan temporarily modified its restrictions on imports of poultry and poultry products from the United States and Canada impacted by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). The modification allows imports of poultry and poultry products from banned U.S. states if the date of slaughter is 14 days or more before the applicable HPAI ban began.

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**General Information:**

Effective April 18, 2022, Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) temporarily modified Taiwan's restrictions on imports of poultry and poultry products from the United States and Canada impacted by Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). The modification affects poultry slaughtered in a banned U.S. state or Canadian province 14 days or more before the HPAI detection occurred. These products, regardless of location (onboard a vessel, warehouse, etc.), which meet all other quarantine and sanitation requirements, will be eligible to export to Taiwan. This measure is reflected in an update to the [Export Library for Taiwan](#) managed by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

COA specified additional packing and transportation requirements for the aforementioned poultry and poultry products. If these products are: completely packaged and transported in fully closed vehicles with freezing capabilities to a port area in a disease-infected state (or province); stored in a warehouse at the port area while waiting for available containers and when being loaded onto a vessel to sail; and able to provide documentary evidence regarding the storage and transportation records for these activities, they will be deemed to meet the requirements of the "[Regulations of Import Quarantine Operation for Animal Products Transported by Closed Container](#)" and allowed for import. COA will periodically review the measures and, depending on the development of HPAI situation, make a separate announcement for its termination.

COA did not make any changes to the HPAI restriction areas at the state or province level. Beginning April 29, 2022, it will allow exporting countries to apply for reinstatement of disease-free status 28 days after the HPAI elimination and the completion of cleaning and disinfection procedures in accordance with World Animal Health Organization (OIE) guidelines. Previously, exporting countries had to wait 90 days to apply for reinstatement.

**Background Information:**

In recent years, the volume of Taiwan's poultry imports has increased to between 25 and 33 percent of total poultry consumption. In 2021, Taiwan imported 175,288 MT of frozen chicken cuts, with 91.5 percent coming from the United States and 8.5 percent from Canada. Taiwan's 2021 estimated domestic production was 688,000 MT. Poultry imports have faced challenges stemming from shipping container shortages and port congestion caused by the COVID pandemic. Beginning in late 2021, birds infected with HPAI H5N1 were detected in North America and spread over a wide geographic area. Taiwan's ban on states and provinces with an HPAI detection continues to reduce poultry import volume. COA's standard quarantine requirement was to use the sailing date of the shipping vessel as the cutoff date for poultry slaughtered in a banned state or province.

**Attachments:**

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