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Mexico Lifts Ban on Poultry Imports from Meeker MN

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Report Highlights:

On July 19, 2010, the Mexican government informed to USDA that the import ban imposed on live birds, poultry meat products, and eggs from Meeker County, Minnesota was lifted.

General Information:

On July 19, 2010, The National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) lifted the ban on the imports of live birds, poultry meat products, and eggs not treated with a thermal process from the Meeker County, Minnesota that had been in place since July 5, 2009. The ban was enacted after findings of low pathogenic avian influenza type H7N9 in a commercial flock of turkeys.

The sanitary import requirement sheets (HRZs) on the web page for SENASICA as well as the Export Library of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) reflect this decision.

Import bans for U.S. live poultry and poultry meat exports from Edmonson County, Kentucky and from Giles and Lincoln Counties, Tennessee remain in place.

Regulations for Exports of Poultry and Poultry Products

Table 1 summarizes some of the regulations that are currently being implemented by the GOM for U.S. live poultry and poultry meat exports.

Table 1. Mexico: Current Import Regulations for Poultry and Poultry Products				
ITEM	RAW POULTRY FOR RETAIL & FOR FURTHER PROCESSING*	FULLY COOKED POULTRY MEAT AND EGG PRODUCTS	TABLE, SPF** AND HATCHING EGGS	LIVE BIRDS
Export Status from All U.S. States 1/	YES ⑤	YES	YES ① ⑤	YES ⑤
Required Language On Cleaning And Disinfection Of Trucks	YES	NO	YES	YES
Required Sealing Of Trucks At Point Of Origin	NO	NO	NO	YES
Required Language that Product is Fit for Human Consumption and Freely Marketed in the U.S.	YES	NO	②	②
Agar Gel or ELISA Test Required	③	NO	③	③
Certification Requirements On Exotic Newcastle Disease ④	YES	YES	YES	YES
* MDM and cut exports are only approved to proceed to Federal Inspected Plant (TIF) meat processing facilities authorized by SAGARPA.				
** SPF, Specific Pathogen Free				

1/ The exports of poultry products and by-products from the State of Arkansas, that come from birds slaughtered between May 10 and July 14, 2008, remain prohibited.

- ❶ Boxes of table eggs as well as SPF eggs must show the stamp of the competent authority.
- ❷ SPF, hatching eggs and live birds should be freely marketed in the United States
- ❸ When a plant and farm/flock is registered under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), the Agar Gel or ELISA test will not be required; otherwise, the tests will be required by SAGARPA.
- ❹ Exotic Newcastle Disease statement for meat, meat products and by-products: “That the product comes from flocks that have a monitoring program of 70 birds that began after 12 days of age, using viral isolation tests and identification of velogenic strains through a test that indicates intracerebral pathogenicity in chicks of one day of age and that is carried out for each lot that is delivered for slaughter, obtaining negative results for Velogenic Newcastle disease, or that comes from a country free of Velogenic Newcastle Disease.”
- ❺ Imports of live birds, fresh eggs, poultry meat products and by-products chilled and/or frozen are prohibited by the Mexican Government Authorities:
As of March 9, 2009, from Edmonson County, Kentucky
As of April 3, 2009, from Giles County, Tennessee
As of April 10, 2009, from Lincoln County, Tennessee

For additional information regarding poultry meat and egg products exports to Mexico see the FSIS Export Library at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Mexico_Requirements/index.asp (Export Requirements for meat and poultry products).

The Mexican phyto-zoo-sanitary requirement sheets (HRZ's) for each kind of imported product to Mexico are available at <http://148.245.191.4/zooweb/inicio.aspx>

Source: SAGARPA/SENASICA/Animal Health Directorate.

For More Information

FAS/Mexico Web Site: We are available at www.mexico-usda.com or visit the FAS headquarters' home page at www.fas.usda.gov for a complete selection of FAS worldwide agricultural reporting.

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx. This web site is mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned site.

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