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### **Mexico Lifts Ban on Poultry Imports from Four U.S. Counties**

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**Report Highlights:**

During the week of September 13, 2010, the Mexican government officially informed the U.S. Department of Agriculture that the import ban imposed on live birds, poultry products and by-products, and eggs from the counties of Edmonton, Kentucky, Giles and Lincoln, Tennessee and Tarrant, Texas were lifted.

## General Information:

As of September 1, 2010, the National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) lifted the ban on the imports of live birds, poultry products and by-products, and eggs not treated with a thermal/heat-treated process from the counties of Edmonton, Kentucky, Giles and Lincoln, Tennessee and Tarrant, Texas. The bans had been in place since March, April and December 2009, respectively. The ban was enacted after findings of H7N9 low pathogenic avian influenza were discovered within a commercial poultry flock and in flocks of breeder chicks, respectively for the counties in Kentucky and Tennessee. The incident in Tarrant, Texas concerned a duck flock where a cloacal swab yielded a positive laboratory result on PCR testing. However additional testing did not confirm avian influenza.

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

## Regulations for Exports of Poultry and Poultry Products

The following table summarizes some of the regulations currently implemented by the Government of Mexico on U.S. live poultry and poultry products.

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	YES	YES ①	YES
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.

① Boxes of table eggs as well as SPF eggs must show the stamp of the competent authority.

② SPF, hatching eggs and live birds should be freely marketed in the United States.

③ 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.

④ 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.”

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](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](http://www.mexico-usda.com) or visit the FAS headquarters' home page at [www.fas.usda.gov](http://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](http://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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