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Report Name: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Import Suspensions

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Report Highlights:

In 2016, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Philippine Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) agreed on a county-based format for managing trade restrictions due to detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the United States. This agreement limits the temporary export bans to the county level but allows for an escalation in scope to state-wide restrictions should three or more counties have confirmed detections in commercial poultry flocks.

In January 2016, after both the: (1) 2014-15 HPAI outbreak in the United States and (2) Submission of the U.S. final report to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) self-declaring that the United States was again HPAI-free, APHIS and DA-BAI agreed on a county-based format for managing HPAI-related trade restrictions in the event of future HPAI detections in U.S. commercial poultry flocks.

This agreement confirmed that DA-BAI would impose temporary trade restrictions at the county-level instead of the state-level in accordance with APHIS’s OIE notification on confirmed detections of HPAI in commercial U.S. poultry. Furthermore, the 2016 agreement allowed for imposition of state-level restrictions when there were three or more counties in a single state that were simultaneously affected by HPAI in commercial poultry.

As of March 31, 2022, and in accordance with the January 2016 agreement, USDA understands that BAI is not issuing import permits (known in the Philippines as Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearances) for live birds, poultry meat, and poultry meat products (except for heat-treated poultry meat and poultry meat products) from the following states/counties:

| State-wide suspensions due to HPAI confirmations in commercial flocks in three or more counties | County-based suspensions in states with fewer than three counties reporting detections of HPAI in commercial poultry |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South Dakota; 2. Missouri; and 3. Iowa. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DuBois 2. Greene • Kentucky <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulton 2. Webster • Delaware <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Castle 2. Kent • Maryland <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cecil 2. Queen’s Anne • Minnesota <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeker 2. Stearns • Wisconsin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jefferson • Nebraska <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Butler • New York <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suffolk • North Carolina <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Johnston |

Given that DA-BAI has elected to not issue formal trade suspensions, USDA’s Food Safety and Inspections Service (FSIS) will not be able to include the above information in its Export Library. Therefore, FAS Manila strongly suggests that U.S. poultry exporters check the [APHIS website](#)

for updates on new HPAI detections in commercial poultry and subsequently work closely with their Philippine importers to obtain a valid SPSIC from DA-BAI that would enable shipment of U.S. poultry meat and poultry meat products to the Philippines.

Attachments:

No Attachments.