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2015 Poultry Products Trade Facilitation

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Report Highlights:

In March 2015, Ag Taipei received notice from local animal health authorities, Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ), that all incoming U.S. poultry product USDA Export Certificates did not accurately list highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) affected states, out of compliance with agreed upon language. FAS/AgTaipei staff worked closely with importers, exporters, custom brokers, and U.S. and Taiwan authorities to release the detained shipments. In only two weeks, FAS/Taipei helped release 249 U.S. poultry meat and meat product containers, valued at US\$8.48 million

General Information:

Starting March 2015, hundreds of U.S. poultry meat and meat product shipments were detained at Taiwan ports due to import certificate (FSIS Form 2630-9) not listing HPAI affected U.S. states. While Taiwan Port Authorities held these shipments, FAS/AgTaipei tried to find an acceptable solution with Taiwan and U.S. authorities who were working extensively as the disease spread. Despite efforts at negotiation, Taiwan authorities required that each certificate be corrected to accurately list the HPAI affected states, causing hundreds of shipments to be detained at ports. FAS/AgTaipei requested USDA/FSIS to update the Export Library and modify Letterhead Certificate language for product destined for Taiwan, to ensure compliance with Taiwan requirements. Through this process, FAS/AgTaipei additionally identified fraudulent certificates, working from the information on the FSIS export library.

Taiwan port authorities agreed to accept the reissued copy of the Letterhead Certificate, endorsed by FAS/AgTaipei, and released the shipments. Ag Taipei painstakingly resolved all of these issues but also continued to engage Taiwan authorities on the broader issue of certification requirements to reduce trade disruptions resulting from unnecessarily restrictive interpretation or application of Taiwan import requirements. In only two weeks, FAS/Taipei helped release 249 containers, valued at US\$8.48 million, helping to preserve the United States' seventh largest poultry market.

According to Taiwan customs data, imports of U.S. poultry meat trade statistic as follows:

	2014 Total Importation		2015 - Jan - Mar		2014 - Jan - Mar	
	Volume (MT)	Value US\$1,000	Volume (MT)	Value US\$1,000	Volume (MT)	Value US\$1,000
Total	142,670	188,353	46,925	57,986	45,889	59,806
U.S.	119,086	154,802	41,536	51,044	37,977	49,220