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Mexico Announces Poultry and Products Restrictions Due to HPAI

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Report Highlights:

Mexico's SENASICA announced a ban earlier this week on all poultry and poultry products originating in the state of California, including egg products, hatching eggs, and baby chicks. They also announced additional testing requirements for poultry from contiguous and nearby states. The implementation of these restrictions has caused trade disruptions for poultry transiting through California ports into Mexico. The situation continues to evolve.

On January 23, 2015, USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 in a commercial turkey flock in Stanislaus County, California, located in the Pacific Flyway. On January 27, 2015 in response to this event, the Mexican National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) modified the language —by adding points 21 and 22—of 13 Zoo-sanitary Requirements Sheets (HRZ by its Spanish acronym) that could impact the normal flow of imported U.S. poultry and products. Especially impacted are products originating from the state of California.

The modifications comprise specifically two points indicated as “additional notes”. The language of such notes reads:

21. “Due to the recent notifiable HPAI outbreaks in the United States of America, the import of any type of live poultry or poultry products originating and /or coming from the state of California is prohibited”.

22. “In the case of live birds or poultry products proceeding from the States of Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon or Washington, it should be presented negative results for avian influenza issued by an official laboratory. The results must show that the commodity proceeds from flocks/farms in which at least 59 serological were tested using the double Agar Gel Immunodiffusion (AGID) test according to OIE standards, and negative results using viral isolation, or, a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test”.

The involved HRZs (combination, description of products covered, and intended use) are as follows (these nine are most relevant to the trade, but others are affected as well):

- 1) 004-13-186-USA-USA, offal, human consumption
- 2) 004-13-87-USA-USA, poultry meat, either raw, prepared, marinated, whole or chopped, smoked, without thermal process poultry meat, MSC, MSC in brine, preparations based on raw poultry meat, human consumption
- 3) 004-09-503-USA-USA, 3-day old chicks, breeding
- 4) 004-22-1231-USA-USA, SPF eggs, diagnosis, research, industrial use
- 5) 004-13-1197-USA-USA, nest run eggs for industrial use, human consumption
- 6) 004-01-83-USA-USA, hatching eggs, commercialization
- 7) 004-13-481-USA-USA, table eggs, human consumption
- 8) 004-13-182-USA-USA, viscera (raw or in brine), human consumption
- 9) 004-13-1296-USA-USA Food preparations based on raw meat

Post comments: Post has received notifications of trade disruptions in poultry products at points of entrance in Baja California, mainly at Tijuana, B.C.

The exact restrictions and requirements for entry into Mexico have evolved over the last several days and may continue to do so. Post recommends exporters and importers stay in close contact with each other, as well as reach out to FAS or APHIS Post in Mexico and, where appropriate, the U.S. Poultry and Egg Export Council, which also has offices in Mexico. Additional details, when confirmed, will be updated on the USDA website in various locations, including the FSIS export library:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Mexico>

Complete list to date of affected HRZs

HRZ code	Group of commodities	Country of origin
098-13-1296-USA-USA	Food preparations based on raw meat.	The United States of America
004-13-182-USA-USA	Viscera	
004-13-186-USA-USA	Offal	
004-13-87-USA-USA	Poultry meat	
004-08-521-USA-USA	Song birds, ornamental birds - - pets	
004-01-501-USA-USA	Song birds, ornamental birds – for commercialization.	
004-09-503-USA-USA	Chicks up to three days old.	
004-13-481-USA-USA	Table eggs.	
004-01-83-USA-USA	Hatching eggs.	
004-04-623-USA-USA	Adult gallinaceous for exhibition.	
004-15-543-USA-USA	Feathers	
004-13-1197-USA-USA	Eggs for industrial use (run eggs)	
004-22-1231-USA-USA	SPF eggs.	

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