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Report Name: The Dominican Republic Continues to Restrict US Poultry Exports due to HPAI

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Post: Santo Domingo

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Report Highlights:

The Dominican Republic (DR) continues to ban and/or restrict U.S. poultry exports from states with any type of detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), regardless of the outbreak being reported as poultry or non-poultry. Additionally, the Dominican Republic has indicated this ban extends to all poultry products produced within or shipped from affected states, regardless of the date of production.

Background:

The DR continues to ban and/or restrict U.S. poultry exports from states with any type of detection of HPAI, regardless of the outbreak being reported as poultry or non-poultry. Additionally, the Dominican Republic has indicated this ban extends to all poultry products produced within or shipped from affected states, regardless of the date of production.

DR officials at the General Directorate of Livestock (DIGEGA) continue to hold to a different interpretation of Article 10.4.1.4 of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) that defines poultry and non-poultry outbreaks. To these officials, non-poultry or “backyard” detections represent a high risk of disease transfer for the Dominican poultry industry.

After several technical engagements on this issue, Post has been informed by industry sources in the DR that DIGEGA has been allowing exports from states with non-poultry detections on a case-by-case basis, as long as the importer provides a traceability “certificate” that states the origin of all poultry flock processed within a facility. This document is not part of the negotiated requirements for trade in poultry commodities.

All U.S. exports of poultry meat and meat products require an import authorization issued by the DR through the electronic VUCE system prior to shipment. U.S. exporters should ensure the importer in the DR has obtained this authorization.

If product is shipped to the DR without an import authorization, the exporter is shipping at his own risk. For the most current confirmations in poultry vs. non-poultry detections, please visit [USDA APHIS | 2022 Confirmations of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Commercial and Backyard Flocks](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments.