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Ukraine Approves 19 U.S. Poultry Facilities

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Report Highlights:

Ukraine's Food Safety and Consumer Protection Service officially approved 19 U.S. facilities for export of poultry meat and poultry products to Ukraine. Through Order No. 30, signed on December 4, 2017, Ukraine granted this authorization and added the facilities identified in this report to their list of approved facilities. This positive outcome for U.S. exporters is the result of FAS-Kyiv's coordination with U.S. industry, other USG partners, and persistent negotiations with Ukraine's veterinary officials for more than six months to gain access for those suppliers. Inclusion of the 19 U.S. facilities guarantees market access and increases potential for additional exports by U.S. companies.

General Information:

On December 11, 2017, FAS/Kyiv received an official letter from the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP) confirming access for 19 U.S. poultry facilities. Order No. 602-1122-18/5628, signed on December 6th, 2017, officially grants market access to the 19 U.S. poultry producing facilities listed below. This expands the full list of approved U.S. poultry facilities to 21. Ukraine's official list is accessible at the following link (U.S. poultry facilities occupy positions 465 to 485):

<http://www.consumer.gov.ua/Pictures/Files/Editor/document/%D1%80%D0%B5%D1%94%D1%81%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B8/%D0%9F%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%96%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BF%D0%B5%D0%BA%D1%82%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%96%D0%BF%D1%96%D0%B4%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%B8%D1%94%D0%BC%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B2%D0%B0-06.12.2017.doc>

The newly listed U.S. facilities are:

- P-6 - Tyson Foods, Inc., 67240 Mail Street, Blountsville, AL 35031
- P-146 - Tyson Foods, Inc., 13264 Mountain Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23059
- P-243 - Tyson Foods, Inc., 340 West Maple, Cumming, GA 30130
- P-247 - Sanderson Farms, Inc., Hazlehurst Processing, Hwy 38 E, Hazlehurst MS39083
- P-320 - Sanderson Farms, Inc., Laurel Processing, Sanderson Dr., Laurel MS 39440
- P-522 - Sanderson Farms, Inc. Collins Processing, Hwy 49 N, Collins MS37428
- P-550 - Simmons Prepared Foods, Inc., 189 West Roller Ave., Decatur, AR 72722
- P-758 - Tyson Foods, Inc., Hwy 35, Carthage, MS
- P-2186 - George's Foods, LLC, 501 North Liberty, Harrisonburg, VA 22802
- P-5842 - Tyson Foods Inc., Berry Street, Springdale, AR 72764
- P-6666 - Koch Foods of Gadsden, LLC, 501 Paden Road, Gadsden, AL 35903
- P-7101 - Tyson Foods, Inc., 301 East Cherry St., Clarksville, AR 72830
- P-7264 - Sanderson Farms, Inc., 13111 Hwy 190 West, Hammond, LA 70401
- P-13456 - Tyson Foods, Inc., 5505 Jefferson Parkway, Pine Bluff, AR 71602
- P-19514 - Tyson Foods, Inc., 14660 U S Hwy 41 South, Robards, KY 42452
- P-20245 - Equity Group Kentucky Division, LLC, 2294 KY Highway 90W, Albany, KY 42602
- P-20322 - Equity Group, Eufaula Division, 57 Melvin Clark Rd., Baker Hill, AL 36027
- P-20979 - Simmons Foods Inc., 601 North Hico, Siloam Springs, AR 72761
- P-34308 - Sanderson Farms, Inc., 301 Aviation parkway, Waco, TX 76705

Background on Poultry Access Issues

As explained in FAS-Kyiv's most recent FAIRS Report, Ukraine maintains a positive list of eligible facilities to export food products of animal origin.

Ukraine establishes two main ways through which facilities can be added to its list of approved facilities. The first option requires a system audit of the exporting country's food safety system.

Pending a favorable audit outcome, this scenario allows for inclusion of all facilities deemed eligible to export by the exporter's competent authority. A second option requires individual plant audits by the Ukrainian food safety authority for each foreign facility seeking access to the Ukrainian market. Both of these protocols are lengthy, costly, and in many cases impractical due to insufficient market volumes and/or lack of funding necessary to conduct the required audits.

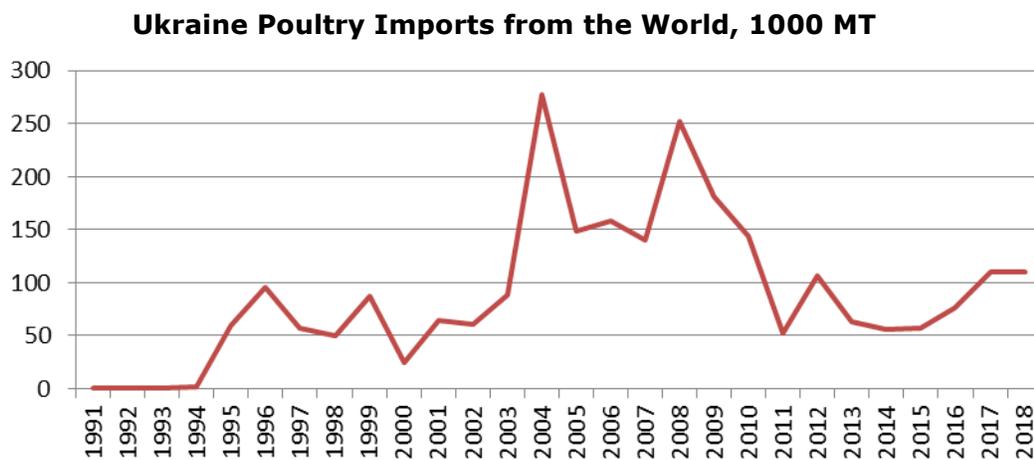
However, through careful analysis of Ukrainian regulations, FAS/Kyiv discovered another option for inclusion of U.S. facilities into Ukraine's list of approved suppliers. In accordance with Law 1602-VII, all exporting facilities with a demonstrated history of supplying the Ukrainian market before September 20th, 2015, are to be automatically included into Ukraine's list of approved facilities.

Despite existence of this provision, no lists were officially published and no procedures for guaranteeing such inclusion were developed. This became problematic for U.S. suppliers in December 2015, when at least one shipment from a U.S. facility with proven history of exporting to Ukraine was rejected due to Ukraine’s lack of both registration procedures and an updated list.

FAS/Kyiv, with assistance from other USG agencies and the United States Poultry and Egg Export Council (USAPEEC), initiated a months-long effort with SSUFSCP to include 19 U.S. facilities with proven historical export activity to Ukraine. On December 6, 2017, the SSUFSCP honored FAS/Kyiv’s petition and officially granted access to those 19 establishments through Order No. 602-1122-18/5628.

Despite Ukraine’s status as a major producer and exporter of poultry, potential for U.S. exports to Ukraine exists for selected poultry products when market conditions and prices are favorable.

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