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Ecuador Imposes Import Ban on U.S. Poultry Products

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Report Highlights:

On April 16, 2015, Ecuador's AGROCALIDAD suspended imports of U.S.-origin live fowl, poultry meat and poultry products and eggs/egg products in response to APHIS reports of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Montana. During 2014, Ecuador imported from the United States \$6 million in live fowl (over 850,000 baby chicks), poultry meat and poultry products, as well as eggs and products.

General Information:

On April 16, 2015, Ecuador's AGROCALIDAD suspended imports of U.S.-origin live fowl (Harmonized Tariff System – HS code 0105.11), poultry meat and poultry products and eggs/egg products. [AGROCALIDAD Resolution 0047](#) imposes a country-wide ban on the United States in response to APHIS reports of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Montana. U.S.-origin live fowl, poultry meat and poultry products, as well as genetic material, are currently banned.

Article 1 of AGROCALIDAD Resolution 0047 bans the entry of live adult birds, genetic material (baby chicks and hatching eggs), poultry products and by-products of avian origin and that are capable of transmitting the HPAI causing virus.

Trade sources informed FAS Quito that the Ecuadorian importers of U.S.-origin processed poultry products were notified about the ban by Ecuador's Customs on April 24, 2015. AGROCALIDAD (Ecuador's sanitary authority) and USDA APHIS are working to address the trade suspension and to resume trade.

The impact of this trade suspension will impact U.S. food chains operating in Ecuador and poultry producers that rely on U.S. genetic material for breeding stock. During 2014, Ecuador imported from the United States \$6 million in live fowl (over 850,000 baby chicks), poultry meat and poultry products, as well as eggs and products.