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Government Extends Ban on Imports of Livestock Products due to AI

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Report Highlights:

On December 16, 2010, the Government of India (GOI) extended the import prohibition on specified live animals and livestock products from countries reporting outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI), for another six months. Despite the exemptions listed in the notifications for processed poultry meat, raw and processed swine meat products, processed pet food, and processed feathers, the imports of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

General Information:

Introduction:

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries (DADF), issued a Gazette notification on December 16, 2010, extending its ongoing prohibition on imports of specified live animals and livestock products from all countries reporting Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI). This extension is effective for a period of six months from the date of publication of this notification (December 16, 2010). Despite the exemptions listed in the notifications for processed poultry meat, raw and processed swine meat products, processed pet food, and processed feathers, the imports of these products remain restricted from entry due to other import regulations.

Disclaimer:

This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Details on the final Gazette notification No. S.O. 2976(E), dated December 16, 2010:

- **Publication Date:** December 16, 2010
- **Date of Implementation:** December 16, 2010
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of December 27, 2010)
- **Products Affected:** See notification text

Agency in Charge: Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Government of India (GOI).

Proposed Changes:

Notification (Text as published is attached)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 16th December, 2010

S.O. 2976(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 and Section 3A of the Livestock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) number S.O. 616(E), dated 18th March, 2010, the Central Government hereby prohibits, with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, —

- (1) (i) The import into India from all the countries, in view of Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza) of wild birds except those reared and bred in captivity;
- (ii) the import into India from the countries reporting Notifiable Avian Influenza (both Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza), the following livestock and livestock products, namely :—
- domestic and wild birds (including poultry);
 - day-old chicks, ducks, turkeys and other newly hatched Avian species;
 - un-processed meat and meat products from Avian species, including wild birds;

- hatching eggs;
- eggs and egg products (except Specific Pathogen Free eggs);
- un-processed feathers;
- live pigs;
- pathological material and biological products from birds;
- products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use;
- semen of domestic and wild birds including poultry.

(2) The prohibition specified in paragraph (1) shall not be applicable to the import of,—

- processed pet food containing ingredients of meat and meat products from avian species animal origin.
- the import of pathological materials and biological products for diagnostic and research purposes.

(3) The Central Government may allow the import of processed poultry subject to the satisfactory conformity assessment of the exporting country.

(4) The prohibition shall be in force for a period of six months from the date of publication of this notification or till the said notification is modified or withdrawn, whichever is earlier.

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