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Mexico Lifts Ban for U.S. Poultry Products

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Report Highlights:

On April 8, 2016, the Animal Health General Directorate's National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality from the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SENASICA - SAGARPA) through the Import and Export Directorate, announced the lifting of the restrictive measures applied to U.S. poultry and poultry products intended to be exported to Mexico. Restrictive measures were applied to products coming from 15 quarantined states due to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Effective on the indicated dates, poultry and poultry products are eligible to be exported to Mexico from all U.S. states except the state of Indiana. Mexico has modified the import requirements in the Zoo-sanitary Requirements Sheet (HRZ) for these products.

Executive Summary:

Due to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks reported in the United States since 2014, Mexico imposed restrictive measures on U.S. poultry and poultry products originating from 15 U.S. states. Among the most important commodities affected by these measures were: viscera, offal, meat, table eggs, breaking eggs, SPF eggs and food preparations. Fresh meat for further thermal processing and hatching eggs were not affected.

On April 8, 2016, SENASICA's Import and Export Directorate acknowledged the United States Department of Agriculture's successful measures to control the reported HPAI outbreaks and proceeded to lift the ban. Thus far, SENASICA has announced that the HRZ's for poultry meat, viscera, and offal and food preparations (containing poultry products) have been modified. Effective on April 15, 2016, the export certificates cannot bear slaughter or processing dates earlier than those indicated in the table below by state:

Originating State	Authorized date
1. Arkansas	July 14, 2015
2. California	May 26, 2015
3. North Dakota	July 28, 2015
4. South Dakota	December 13, 2015
5. Idaho	May 19, 2015
6. Iowa	December 21, 2015
7. Kansas	July 6, 2015
8. Minnesota	September 10, 2015
9. Missouri	September 22, 2015
10. Montana	July 3, 2015
11. Nebraska	September 23, 2015
12. Oregon	May 20, 2015
13. Washington	May 19, 2015
14. Wisconsin	August 19, 2015

It is important to note that products with slaughter or processing dates prior to those indicated will be rejected; also, the restriction for products originating from the state of Indiana remains in place until further notice.

Post comments: Virtually all of Mexico's chicken and turkey meat imports originate from the United States. This announcement allows forecasting that demand for those U.S. poultry products previously restricted will rebound to historical levels.

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