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Mexico Reacts to an HPAI outbreak in the United States

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Report Highlights:

Following confirmation by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), on March 6, 2017, in a measured response, Mexico put in place restrictive trade measures at the county level (Lincoln County, Tennessee).

General Information:

On March 5, 2017, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the presence of highly pathogenic H7N9 (genetically different from the China strain) avian influenza (also known as HPAI) of North American wild bird lineage in a commercial chicken breeder flock in Lincoln County, Tennessee. As part of the response plan, sanitary authorities established additional surveillance and testing at commercial and backyard poultry facilities within a 10 kilometers (6.2 mile) radius of the affected premises. In addition, USDA notified the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) and international partners.

On March 6, 2017, 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 restrictive trade measures applied to U.S. live poultry and poultry products intended to be exported to Mexico from Lincoln County, Tennessee.

Mexico has modified the import requirements in at least 10 Zoo-sanitary Requirements Sheets (HRZs) to reflect these restrictions. The affected commodities include live birds, hatching eggs, table eggs, and products that are not heat-treated.

HRZ Combination	Commodities
004-01-83-USA-USA	Hatching eggs
004-22-1231-USA-USA	SPF (Specific Pathogen-Free) eggs
004-13-481-USA-USA	Table eggs
004-13-1197-USA-USA	Breaking eggs
004-13-87-USA-USA	Poultry meat
004-13-186-USA-USA	Offal
004-13-182-USA-USA	Viscera
004-09-503-USA-USA	3-day old chicks
004-01-501-USA-USA	Singing birds, ornamental birds, birds of prey, trade
004-02-521-USA-USA	Singing birds, ornamental birds, birds of prey, pets

It is important to note that products with slaughter or processing dates before March 1, 2017 will be allowed to enter Mexico if they comply with a case-by-case inspection.

Specific export information can be found on both APHIS' and FSIS' websites:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export>

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Mexico>

Post comments: The majority of Mexico's live birds, broiler and turkey meat imports originate from the United States. Decreased demand for these products is not anticipated due to these restrictions. Mexico's response has been received favorably by the U.S. poultry industry.

Post recommends exporters and importers stay in close contact with each other, as well as with FAS or APHIS Post in Mexico and, where appropriate, the U.S. Poultry and Egg Export Council, which also has offices in Mexico.

Other Relevant Reports Submitted by FAS/Mexico

Report Number	Subject	Date Submitted
MX7002	Vertical Integration Bolsters the Mexican Poultry Industry	02/08/2017
MX6033	Mexico Improves Biosecurity to Address AI Outbreaks	10/14/2016
MX6017	Mexico Lifts Ban for U.S. Poultry Products	4/22/2016
MX5004	CA HPAI Restrictions	01/29/15

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FAS/Mexico Web Site: We are available at www.fas.usda.gov/regions/mexico or visit the FAS headquarters' home page at www.fas.usda.gov for a complete selection of FAS worldwide agricultural reporting.

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx, equivalent to the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.economia.gob.mx and equivalent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at www.salud.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.