

## **Import Alert: HPAI restrictions for Avian Commodities Originating from or Transiting Through Australia.**

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### **Restricted areas(s)**

Effective Date(s):

May 22, 2024 – The Meredith Restricted and Control Areas of the State of Victoria

May 22, 2024 – The Terang Restricted and Control Areas of the State of Victoria

June 19, 2024 – The Greater Sydney Basin Restricted and Control Areas of the State of New South Wales

June 27, 2024 – The Australia Capital Territory Control Quarantine Area and Avian Influenza Region Australia Capital Territory Control Area

### **Newly released areas(s)**

Effective Date(s):

August 29, 2024 – State of Victoria, excluding the Meredith and Terang Restricted and Control Areas

August 29, 2024 – State of New South Wales, excluding the Greater Sydney Basin Restricted and Control Areas

August 29, 2024 – Australia Capital Territory, excluding the Control Quarantine and Avian Influenza Region Control Areas

Until further notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) is reducing previous import restrictions on the State of Victoria, the State of New South Wales, and the Australia Capital Territory to the restricted and control areas listed above, established by the Australian Competent Veterinary Authority. Specifically, APHIS restricts the importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry products from the Meredith and Terang Restricted and Control Areas of the State of Victoria, the Greater Sydney Basin Restricted and Control Areas of the State of New South Wales, and the Australia Capital Territory Control Quarantine and Avian Influenza Region Control Areas. Importation of any of these commodities originating from or transiting the areas listed above is prohibited, based on APHIS’ determination that highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) exists in domestic birds. APHIS considers all other areas outside of the restricted and control areas established by the Australian government to be unaffected by HPAI and not subject to restriction. Additional information, including maps of these areas, may be found via the Australian government website at <https://www.outbreak.gov.au/current-outbreaks/avian-influenza>.

Under these restrictions, processed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting any restricted and control areas of a state or territory and imported as cargo must be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products were treated in accordance with APHIS requirements.

Importation, as cargo, of fresh, unprocessed shell/table eggs and other egg products, void of the shell (i.e., liquid eggs, dried egg whites), originating from or transiting any restricted and control areas of a state or territory is prohibited, unless they are consigned from the port of arrival directly to an APHIS-approved breaking and pasteurization facility. An import permit and/or certificate is not required for these shipments when consigned directly to an APHIS-approved establishment.

Processed avian products and byproducts, including egg/egg products, for personal use originating from or transiting restricted and control areas of a state or territory, entering in passenger baggage must:

- have a thoroughly cooked appearance; and
- be shelf-stable as a result of APHIS-approved packaging and cooking (i.e., packaged in hermetically sealed containers and cooked by a commercial method after such packing to produce articles that are shelf stable without refrigeration); or
- be accompanied by an APHIS import permit and/or government certification confirming that the products/byproducts were treated according to APHIS requirements.

Unprocessed avian products and byproducts originating from or transiting restricted and control areas of a state or territory will not be permitted to enter the United States. This includes hunter harvested, non-fully finished avian trophies and meat.

Importation of poultry, commercial birds, ratites, and hatching eggs originating from or transiting any restricted and control areas of a state or territory is prohibited. However, pet and zoo birds, pigeons, and doves, may be imported under an APHIS import permit, and will be subject to a 30-day quarantine at the New York Animal Import Center in Newburgh, NY or the Miami Animal Import Center in Miami, FL.

These restrictions will be updated as additional epidemiological information is obtained. Current information can be found on the [Live Animal Import APHIS website](#) and [Animal Product Import APHIS website](#).