

HPAI: EU restrictions on imports of poultry and game bird meat and products from Argentina

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HPAI: EU suspends fresh poultry meat imports and restricts imports of poultry products from Argentina

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/1772](#) of 1 September 2025 amending Annexes V, XIV and XV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Argentina and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry and of fresh meat of poultry, and of meat products from poultry

Update

Due to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the Buenos Aires region, the European Union (EU) has suspended imports of fresh meat and fresh meat products from Argentinian poultry and game birds. Poultry products from Argentina that have undergone a specific risk-mitigating treatment prior to export may still be imported into the EU.

Impacted products

Poultry and game bird meat and products

What is changing?

Exports of fresh poultry and game bird meat and products from Argentina to the EU were suspended on 19 August 2025. The list of authorised countries in Regulation [2021/404](#) (Annex XIV, Part 1, Section B) has therefore been amended.

For poultry and game bird **products**, exports can continue if risk-mitigating treatment D is applied to the products (Regulation [2020/692](#), Annex XXVI).

Risk-mitigating treatment D:

- minimum temperature of 70°C, which must be reached throughout the meat
- water activity (Aw) value not more than 0.93
- pH value not more than 6.0.

Why?

On 25 August 2025, Argentina notified the EU of an outbreak of HPAI in poultry in the province of Buenos Aires (first identified on 19 August).

Timeline

From **3 September 2025**, fresh meat from poultry and game birds may not be exported to the EU from Argentina.

Poultry and game bird **products** certified for export to the EU from Argentina after **18 August 2025** must have undergone specific risk-mitigating treatment.

Recommended Actions

Argentina has no guarantees that would allow for regionalisation (limiting the measures to affected regions within the country), so this suspension of authorisation concerns the whole country. Producers and exporters could engage with competent authorities to support the process of establishing guarantees that allow regionalisation.

Exporters should follow the [Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#) of the World Organisation for Animal Health ([WOAH](#)), which gives rules for disease prevention, monitoring, and control.

Background

The EU Animal Health Law (Regulation [2016/429](#)) establishes principles and rules for the prevention and control of certain diseases in animals kept by humans (including farm animals, fish, and aquaculture), wild animals, and animal products.

Delegated Regulation [2020/692](#) supplements Regulation 2016/429 regarding animal health requirements for exports to the EU. Non-EU countries (or part of their territories) wishing to export animal products to the EU must comply with the EU animal health requirements.

These countries or regions must be listed in Regulation [2021/404](#) for each commodity to be exported to the EU. The list is regularly updated, for example in the event of an outbreak of a notifiable disease, or if there is an improvement in the animal health situation in a country.

Argentina has faced this situation previously. In 2023 the EU suspended poultry and game bird imports from Argentina in response to HPAI, then reauthorised them after appropriate measures were taken.

Resources

Online resources from the European Commission:

- EU entry conditions
- Non-EU countries authorised establishments
- Welcome to Access2Markets to Trade Helpdesk users

World Organisation for Animal Health: [Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#)

The procedure for non-EU countries to apply for listing is described at the end of the following factsheets:

- European Union import conditions for poultry and poultry products
- EU import conditions for fresh meat and meat products

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2021/404](#) laying down the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin is permitted

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2020/692](#) as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/1772](#) as regards the entries for Argentina and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry and of fresh meat of poultry, and of meat products from poultry

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