

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

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) <u>2025/1772</u> 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

What is changing and why?

Following a confirmed outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the Buenos Aires region, Argentina is no longer authorised to export fresh poultry and game bird meat to the European Union (EU). For poultry and game bird **products**, exports can continue if risk-mitigating treatment D is applied to the products.

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.

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 <u>Terrestrial Animal Health Code</u> of the World Organisation for Animal Health (<u>WOAH</u>), which gives rules for disease prevention, monitoring, and control.

Timeline

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





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

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