

HPAI: EU restrictions on imports of poultry from Argentina and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Published by AGRINFO on 21 Mar 2026

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2026/520](#) as regards the entries for Argentina and Bosnia and Herzegovina in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of fresh meat of poultry and game birds and of meat products from poultry

What is changing and why?

Following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Argentina's Buenos Aires region and in Bosnia and Herzegovina's Republika Srpska, both countries are no longer authorised to export fresh poultry meat (and of game bird meat from Argentina) to the European Union (EU).

For poultry products, exports can continue if risk-mitigating treatment D is applied to the products:

- heat treatment of at least 70°C at core temperature
- water activity (Aw) value not more than 0.93
- pH value not more than 6.0.

Actions

Animal health rules must be strictly applied by non-EU countries in order to be able to export animals and animal products to the EU while avoiding the spread of diseases. It is important that competent authorities and operators work together to monitor animal health and keep diseases under control. Exporters should follow the [Terrestrial Animal Health Code](#) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), where rules can be found for each disease.

Argentina and Bosnia and Herzegovina have no guarantees that would allow for regionalisation (limiting the measures to affected regions within the country), so in each case 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.

Timeline

Argentina

From **23 February 2026**:

- fresh meat of poultry and game birds may not be exported to the EU from Argentina; consignments certified before 23 February 2026 are permitted onto the EU market until 24 May 2026
- poultry products certified for export to the EU from Argentina must have undergone specific risk-mitigating treatment.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

From **25 February 2026**:

- fresh meat from poultry may not be exported to the EU from Bosnia and Herzegovina; consignments certified before 25 February 2026 are permitted onto the EU market until 26 May 2026
- poultry products certified for export to the EU from Bosnia and Herzegovina must have undergone specific risk-mitigating treatment.

For more information see the [full record](#) on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest [AGRINFO Update](#) newsletters and [search](#) the database.

Disclaimer: *Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.*