HPAI: EU restrictions on imports of poultry from Argentina

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1813 as regards the entries for Argentina 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 meat products from poultry

What is changing and why?

Following an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the Buenos Aires region of Argentina, in March 2026, the EU suspended imports of fresh poultry and game bird meat to the European Union (EU). In addition, imports of Argentinian poultry products were only permitted if they had undergone a stricter risk-mitigating treatment.

This Regulation lifts those restrictions: Argentina can now export fresh meat of poultry and game birds to the EU, and there are no restrictions on imports of poultry products.

This follows measures taken by the authorities in Argentina to stamp out HPAI.

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), which gives rules for disease prevention, monitoring, and control.

Timeline

Import restrictions are lifted from **17 August 2026**.

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