HPAI: EU restrictions on imports of poultry from Moldova

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/278 as regards the entries for Argentina and Moldova 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?

The European Union (EU) has lifted its restrictions relating to fresh and processed poultry from Moldova related to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The restrictions were put in place in September 2025. Moldova can now once more export poultry products to the EU without geographical restrictions or a requirement for the products to undergo specific treatment.

Actions

Monitoring and preventing the spread of diseases is key for exports. Exporters should follow the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), which gives the rules on prevention, monitoring, and control for each disease.

It is important that competent authorities and operators work together to monitor animal health and keep diseases under control. The EU regularly audits its partner countries as well as the EU Member States, and publishes Health and Food Audits and Analysis – for more information, see 2026 food audit programme: non-EU countries targeted for controls.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **1 March 2026**.

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.

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