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## Mexico

### Poultry and Products

### Avian Influenza Tests to Export to Mexico

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#### Report Highlights:

**The SAGARPA Animal Health Office in Mexico has clarified the hemagglutination inhibition (HI) tests needed to import live birds and eggs into Mexico, and to import raw poultry meat for direct human consumption beyond the border region.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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The Animal Health Office from the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) in Mexico, clarified the avian influenza (AI) tests needed for importing raw poultry meat for direct human consumption beyond the northern border zone. Additionally, the same testing requirements will apply to imports of live birds and eggs. Besides the negative serological results through the precipitin gel agar test, imports from the U.S. are required to have the negative results through the hemagglutination inhibition (HI) test from the AI virus type "A" prevailing or eradicated in the region where the poultry originates as follows:

| STATE          | SUBTYPES OF THE AI VIRUS TYPE "A"   |
|----------------|---|
| Arkansas       | * H5N2  |
| New Jersey     | * H7N2<br>* H5N2, H9N2  |
| New York       | * H7N2, H3N2, H4N6, H5N2, H6N2, H9N2<br>* H3N6, H6N2, H6N4, H6N8, H7N2, H11N9, H9N2, H7<br>* H3N8, H4N4, H6N2, H6N8<br>* H4N4, H6N2, H6N8 |
| Florida        | * H7N2, H3, 7N2<br>* H6N8   |
| Minnesota      | * H1N1  |
| North Carolina | * H1N2  |
| New Hampshire  | * H7<br>* H7N3  |
| Ohio           | * H1N2, H1, H1N1  |
| Wisconsin      | * H1N1  |

The states not mentioned above should test for HI for subtype H5N2, except the states of Texas, California, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and West Virginia, which cannot export to Mexico.

This regulation will be in effect as of October 22, 2002. Importers should comply with the above mentioned tests and the requirements indicated in the import requirement sheet (hoja de requisitos).