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Livestock and Products

China Suspends Imports of US Poultry and Products
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Report Highlights:
Following the detection of one case of low-pathogenic, H7 avian influenza in the State of Delaware, Chinese authorities on February 10, 2004, suspended imports of all US poultry and products. The following report is an unofficial translation of China's regulation.
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**Notice from the Ministry of Agriculture and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine**
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On February 6, 2004, avian flu (virus subtype H7) was discovered in a farm in Kent County of Delaware, the United States. Local government has culled 12,000 chickens. The following urgent notice is published, in accordance with “Law of the People's Republic of China on the Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine” and other regulations, to prevent transmission of the disease into China, protect the safety of husbandry industry and public health:

1. Suspend the issuance of “Permit for Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine” for poultry and its products imported from the Unites States, and revoke “Permit for Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine” already issued.

2. Suspend direct or indirect importation of poultry and its products from the United States. Poultry and its products already arrived at port but not declared for inspection must be returned or destroyed; those products that have passed inspection should be tested again for avian flu. Products can be released only after they pass the avian flu test.

3. Prohibit of postal shipment or the carrying of poultry or poultry products by travelers into China. When discovered it will be returned or destroyed.

4. If poultry or poultry products from the United States are found on international transportation, including ships, planes and trains transferring or stopping in China, the shipment should be sealed up. If poultry is being raised people working on the international vessels, it must be put in secure cages, and cannot leave the vehicle; its waste must be disposed of under the supervision of entry and exit inspection and quarantine authority, and cannot be otherwise thrown away.

5. Poultry and its products from the United States smuggled into China and confiscated by Customs and Border Inspection and other departments should be transferred to a near-by entry and exit inspection and quarantine authority and be destroyed under its supervision.

6. Those who violate the above regulations shall be dealt with by entry and exit inspection and quarantine authority in accordance with “Law of the People's Republic of China on the Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine”.

7. Entry and exit inspection and quarantine authorities, and animal epidemic prevention and supervision authorities at all levels should, in accordance with “Law of the People's Republic of China on the Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine” and “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Animal Epidemic Prevention”, work closely and make a good job on quarantine, epidemic prevention and supervision.

8. The notice shall take effect from the date of promulgation.

The Ministry of Agriculture, AQSIQ  
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