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**Report Name:** Argentina Suspends Poultry Exports

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**Report Highlights:**

On February 28, 2023, Argentina's National Agri-Food Health and Quality Service (SENASA) self-suspended poultry exports following the detection of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry. Argentina is the third largest supplier of chicken products to the People's Republic of China (PRC). However, Argentina's self-suspension is not expected to impact the PRC's global poultry imports as alternative origin suppliers may be able to bridge the potential supply gap in 2023.

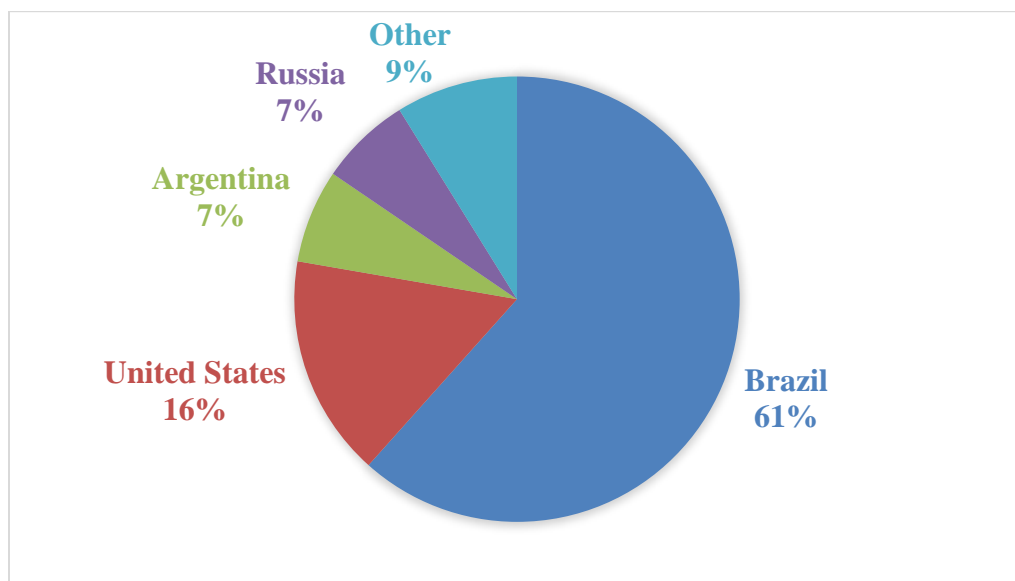
## BACKGROUND

On February 28, 2023, Argentina's SENASA self-suspended poultry exports following the detection of HPAI in commercial poultry. On March 1, 2023, Argentina reported HPAI in commercial poultry to the World Organization for Animal Health (see [WOAH website](#) for more details). On March 6, 2023, FAS China reviewed the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) website, which indicated that Argentina's registered poultry facilities were suspended from export to China.

In 2022, Argentina was China's third largest chicken supplier accounting for approximately 7 percent of China's chicken imports (see **CHART 1**). In 2022, Argentina exported 43 thousand metric tons (MT) of chicken products, the majority of which are frozen chicken mid-joint wings. Over the last five years, chicken product exports from Argentina to China ranged from more than 25 thousand MT to almost 70 thousand MT (see **CHART 2**). Argentina's self-suspension is not expected to impact China's poultry imports as alternative origin suppliers may be able to bridge the potential supply gap in 2023. However, if HPAI spreads further across South America poultry imports to China are likely to be impacted.

For more information on the PRC poultry market, please read FAS China's Poultry Semi-Annual GAIN Report ([CH2023-0020](#)) published on February 14, 2023. Please view the [GACC China Import Food Enterprise Registration \(CIFER\) Single Window](#) system (website in Chinese) which provides lists of facilities and countries eligible to supply products to the PRC.

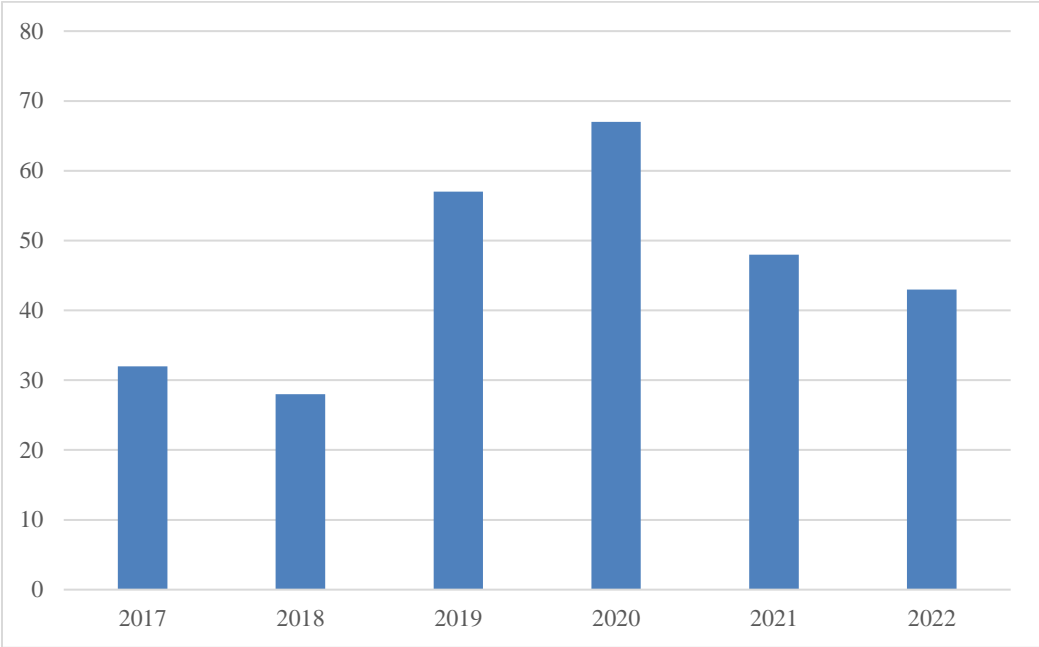
**Chart 1. China: Imports of Chicken<sup>1</sup> Products in 2022 (by Origin)**



Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC

<sup>1</sup> In this report, unless otherwise specified, chicken imports refer to the following HS codes: 020711, 020712, 020713, 020714, and 160232.

**Chart 2. China: Imports of Chicken Products from Argentina (Unit: 1,000 MT)**



Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.