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Report Highlights:

The United States and Japan have agreed to new terms and conditions which allow additional trade of poultry and egg products to continue in case of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the United States. The new conditions reduce the import-restricted zone from the state level to the county level, in certain cases. The USDA-issued export certificates for these products were updated on December 10, 2019 to reflect these new conditions.

Poultry and Poultry Products

On December 5, 2019, Japan revised its animal health protocols for U.S. poultry meat and U.S. poultry meal for pet food to include new language which reduces the restricted zone in case of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The new terms allow for product to remain eligible from areas outside the affected county if certain conditions are met. Previously, trade from the entire affected state would be restricted. The new requirements are available in English on Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFF) Animal Quarantine Service (AQS) website below:

- [Animal health requirements for poultry meat, etc. to be exported to Japan from the United States](#)
- [Animal health requirements for poultry meat, etc. meal for pet food material to be exported to Japan from the United States](#)

These new requirements allow for Japan to restrict at the county level if it concludes that the outbreak is appropriately controlled in the affected country. The final determination will result from consultations between Japan's MAFF and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Effective December 10, USDA's export certificates were updated to reflect these new HPAI conditions. The new requirements for poultry meat are available on the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Export Library: [Export Requirements for Japan](#). The new requirements for poultry meat powder for the manufacture of pet food are available on the APHIS webpage for [Japan](#).

Eggs and Egg Products

The new HPAI zoning conditions will also apply to shell eggs and egg products exported from the United States to Japan. The requirements for shell eggs are described on USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) [Shell Egg Export Instructions](#). The requirements for egg products are described on the USDA FSIS Export Library: [Export Requirements for Japan \(Egg Products\)](#).

Note: The new conditions do not affect the four U.S. egg establishments currently approved under alternate certification to export heat treated egg products to Japan. Japan's animal health requirements for these establishments remain unchanged as follows:

- [Animal health requirements for heat-processed liquid egg products to be exported to Japan from the United States](#)
- [List of approved establishments](#)

MAFF has implemented a three-month transitional period for the new USDA-issued export certificates for poultry and egg products. Japan will continue to accept the previous version of the certificates until March 5, 2020. In 2018, the United States exported \$68 million of poultry products and \$48 million of egg products to Japan. There have been no confirmed findings of HPAI in the United States since March 15, 2017. For more information on Japan's poultry market, see [JA9107](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments.