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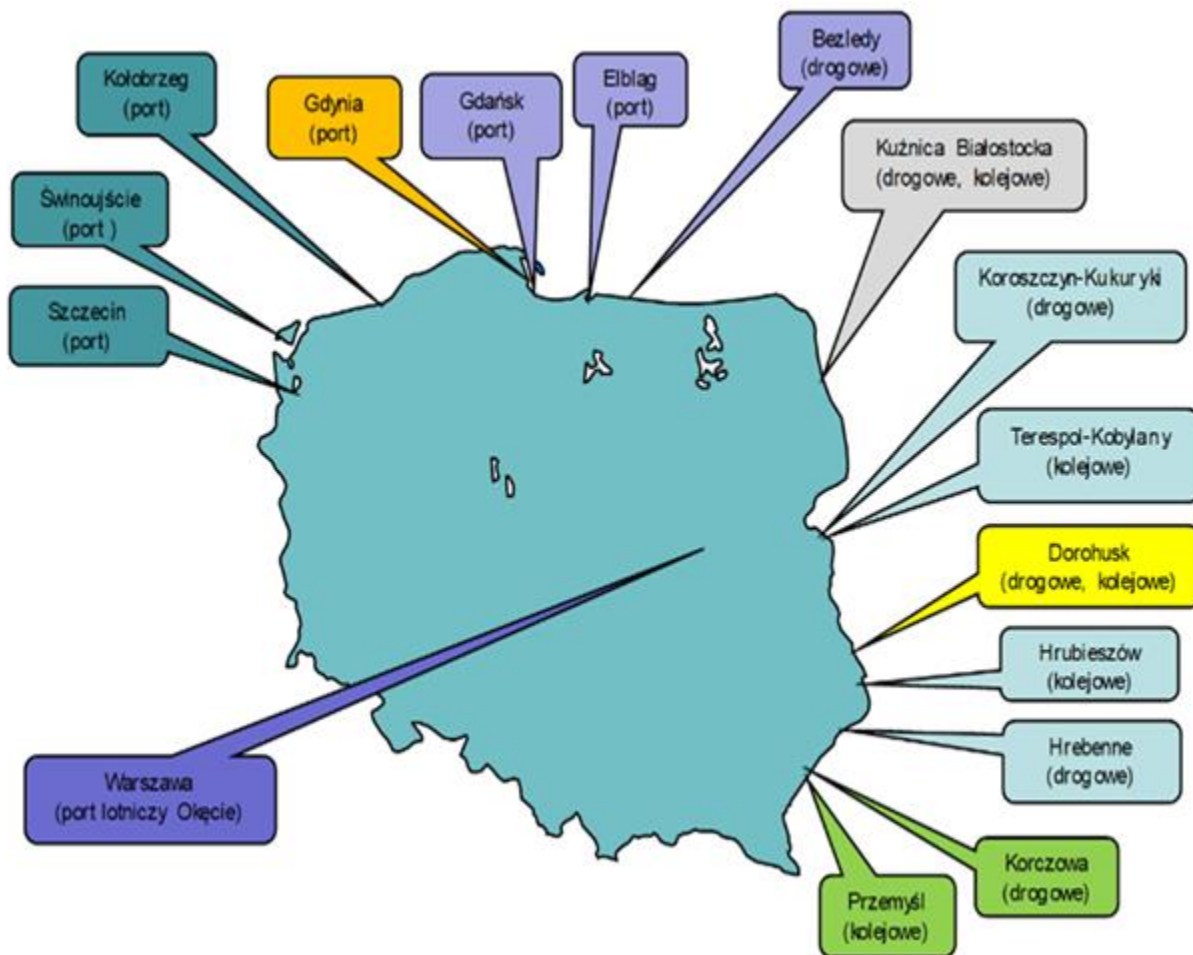
Report Highlights:

As of October 18, 2021, Poland will temporarily suspend veterinary inspections on consignments of food of animal origin in the border control post Kukuryki-Koroszczyn on the Polish-Belarussian border, as renovation works will commence. Controls of other goods, that is: animals, consignments of products not intended for human consumption and feed, as well as transit controls will be remain unchanged. It is unlikely that any U.S. product enter the EU through this BCP.

Since Poland joined the European Union in 2004, many Polish borders have become the borders of the European Union (EU) and the place where EU import legislation is enforced. In accordance with EU requirements, border control posts (BCPs) were established at certain border crossings dedicated to the veterinary border control of animals, animal products, and feed. The consignment of products subject to veterinary border control can enter the EU only through the authorized BCPs.

Currently, there are 16 BCPs in Poland, as indicated in the map below. Twelve BCPs are approved for control of animals and animal products under EU regulations and the additional four BCPs are approved under national legislation for the control of feed not containing materials of animal origin.

Map 1. Location of Polish border control posts (BCPs)



Source: General Veterinary Inspectorate

The contact information and the commodities that can be checked in the EU BCPs can be found on the [list](#) kept by the General Veterinary Inspectorate.

On October 13, 2021, the General Veterinary Inspectorate publicized the suspension of veterinary checks on consignments of food of animal origin in BCP Kukuryki-Koroszczyn (Polish-Belarusian border). This BCP is authorized for controls of:

- products of animal origin, composite products, for human consumption
- products of animal origin, composite products, germinal products, animal by-products, hay and straw, not for human consumption
- feed containing materials of animal origin with no temperature requirement,
- live animals: ungulates, registered *Equidae*, and other animals.
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BCP Kukuryki-Koroszczyn is also designated for transit across the European Union for consignments of certain products of animal origin for human consumption, coming to or from Russia under the specific procedures foreseen in relevant EU legislation. It is unlikely that any U.S. product enter the EU through this BCP. The imported products inspected at BCP Kukuryki-Koroszczyn mostly originate from Belarus and Russia.

Due to the renovation of the eastern access plate of the car terminal in Koroszczyn and the lack of access to the control zone for heavy goods vehicles, the Border Veterinary Officer in Koroszczyn will temporarily suspend the performance of veterinary checks on consignments of food of animal origin imported to the EU **from October 18, 2021**. Inspections will resume after the renovation works are completed, probably not earlier than the beginning of 2022.

With the suspension of veterinary checks on consignments of food of animal origin in BCP Koroszczyn, the veterinary checks of the above-mentioned goods on the Polish section of the border with Belarus can only be made at the BCP at road crossing in Kuźnica Białostocka. Controls of other goods, that is: animals, consignments of products not intended for human consumption and feed, as well as transit controls will be kept unchanged.

Attachments:

No Attachments.