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Report Highlights:

South Africa has lifted a four-year ban on poultry imports from the Netherlands that was due to the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in 2016. Prior to the ban, the Netherlands was the second largest exporter of chicken meat and products to South Africa. Post expects the Netherlands to resume shipping significant volumes to South Africa as the South African market was one of the key export markets for the Netherlands.

Background

On February 11, 2020 South Africa announced that the ban on poultry imports from Netherlands has been lifted. The South African Department of Agriculture notified importers that trade restrictions on the import of live poultry, birds, meat and other products derived from poultry have been lifted and that trade may resume with immediate effect. Only poultry meat with a production date of 6 December 2019 or later will be allowed to be exported into the country.

The imports ban on the Netherlands s' poultry imports was instituted in November 2016 after a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak. The epidemic of (HPAI) a virus subtype H5N8 caused 13600 deaths among wild birds, several commercial poultry farms and captive bird holdings were affected.

Furthermore, on December 2017, The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) received a notification from the Netherlands that a H5N6 HPAI was detected in a duck farm in Flevoland. Signs of the virus and 400 dead birds were observed on December 7, 2017 and confirmed the next day which resulted in 16,000 birds being killed. As a result of the outbreak on December 7, 2017 South Africa banned imports from the Netherlands, consequentially putting a halt to their stable and growing export market in the years leading to the outbreak.

South Africa Trade with the Netherlands

Prior to the ban Netherlands was a major exporter of poultry products as they were enjoying duty free market access through the Southern African Development Community European Union Economic Partnership Agreement (SADC EU EPA).

Table 1: Top Five Exporters of Chicken Meat (0207) to South Africa (2014-2016) (Tons)

Partner	2014	2015	2016	Average
Brazil	168,517	240,870	233,452	214,280
Netherlands	73,961	61,995	110,338	82,098
United Kingdom	42,958	15,985	45,657	34,867
Spain	10,382	27,090	39,570	25,681
Belgium	11,944	35,612	24,256	23,937
Others	84,879	96,248	106,375	95,834
Total	392,641	477,800	559,648	476,697

Source: Trade Data Monitoring (TDM)

Table 1 above shows the top five countries that exported poultry meat to South Africa during the years 2014 to 2016. The Netherlands was the second largest exporter of poultry meat during the years in

question with a share of 17%. Four European Union countries dominated the top five with Brazil leading at an average of 214, 280 tons. Notably, the United States had been constrained by the anti-dumping duties at the time and the tariff rate quota (TRQ) had not been established.

Table 2: South Africa Bone-in Imports from Netherlands (2015-2019) (Tons)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
49,729	84,381	112	0	101

Source: TDM

Table 2 above shows South African Bone-in imports from the Netherlands from the year 2015 to 2019. The years in question shows the period prior to the ban on poultry imports and after the ban. During 2017 the imports of bone-in dropped by -756% as a result of the ban. During 2016 the Netherlands exported 84, 381 tons of bone-in chicken while in 2017 only 112 tons was exported to South Africa.

Table 3: South Africa Poultry Imports from Netherlands (2015-2019) (Tons)

HS-Code	Production Description	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0207	Chicken Meat	61,995	11,0341	112	312	101
020712	Meat and Edible Offal of Chickens, Not Cut in Pieces, Frozen	9,932	21,517	0	287	0
020714	Chicken Cuts and Edible Offal (Including Livers) Frozen	52,063	88,821	112	25	101
160232	Prepared or Preserved Chicken Meat, Meat Offal or Blood, N.E.S.O.I.	0	3	0	0	0

Source: TDM

Table 3 above shows the three chicken products that the Netherlands exported to South Africa from the year 2015 to 2019. Meat and edible offal of chickens (020712) and Frozen chicken cuts & edible offal including livers (020714) are the major products that were exported by the Netherlands to South Africa. During the year 2016 the Netherlands exported 21517 tons of meat and edible offal of chickens (020712) and 88 821 tons of chicken cuts and edible offal (020714). As a result of the import ban

imports were decreased to a three-year average of 95 tons for meat and edible offal (020712) and an average 79 tons for chicken cuts and edible offal (020714). The lifting of the ban will be a relief to the Netherlands and the European Union whose member state Poland has been banned recently as a result of the HPAI outbreak. Having the Netherlands back into the market will also create more competition for countries like the United States and Brazil that do not enjoy duty free access.

Attachments:

No Attachments.