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Report Highlights:

On January 3, 2020, South Africa instituted a ban on poultry imports from Poland due to recent outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), which Poland notified to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on January 2. The outbreaks occurred at Stary Uscimow in the district of Lubartowski in Lubeskie province and the Ostrów district, in the Wielkopolskie province. Poland is one of the top ten European Union countries that export bone-in chicken to South Africa, and their exports of bone in chicken to South Africa increased by 316% from January-November 2018 to January -November 2019.

Background

On January 2, 2020, Poland submitted a notification of a new Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). Five outbreaks of HPAI have been detected in different outlets in the country. The first outbreak reportedly began in December 30, 2019 on a farm that keeps turkeys at Stary Uścimow in the district of Lubartowski. The case was confirmed on December 31, 2019 through laboratory diagnosis and 12,089 birds had died. The source or origin of the outbreak was still unknown.

In addition, on December 31, 2019, test results confirming the occurrence of highly pathogenic avian influenza in two subsequent farms keeping turkeys in the commune of Uścimów in the Lubartów district were received from the National Veterinary Institute - National Research Institute in Puławy. Therefore, until January, One, 2020 three farms tested positive against HPAI with about 25,000 birds fallen. The fourth outbreak was detected on a farm that breeds about 13,000 guinea fowl in the commune of Uścimów in the Lubelskie province, near the first three outbreaks. While the fifth outbreak was detected on a farm that keeps laying hens, located in the commune of Przygodzice, in the Ostrów district, in the Wielkopolskie province.

All birds at each of the premises have now been culled. Protection and Surveillance Zones around the infected premises have been established by the Polish National Veterinary Institute. The last time Poland experienced an outbreak of HPAI was in April 20, 2017. Poland has a large poultry sector, in the Lubartow district (where four outbreaks were recorded). Within Europe, Poland is by far the largest producer of poultry meat and a significant producer of eggs.

Figure 1: Provincial Map of Poland¹

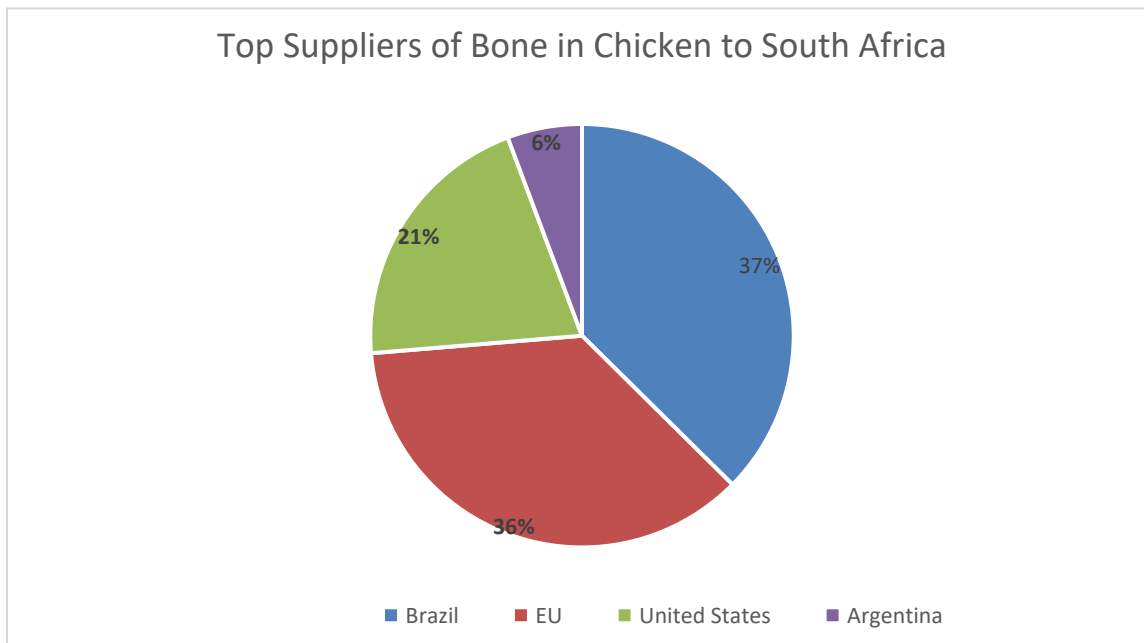


¹ Areas affected by outbreak shown by blue ovals

Notification of Ban

Following the notification by Poland on OIE, South Africa banned imports of poultry and birds from Poland on January 3, 2020. Live poultry, pigeons and other birds, eggs (excluding SPF eggs), fresh and frozen poultry meat from Poland were banned from entering South Africa. Only heat-treated poultry products from which the importer has obtained a valid veterinary import permit are exempted from the ban. The ban on Poland adds to the following list of EU countries; Belgium, France, UK, Germany, Netherlands and Hungary that were banned due to HPAI restrictions. This import ban was instituted between 2017-2018 and these countries have since been unable to convince South Africa to open the market for their poultry imports.

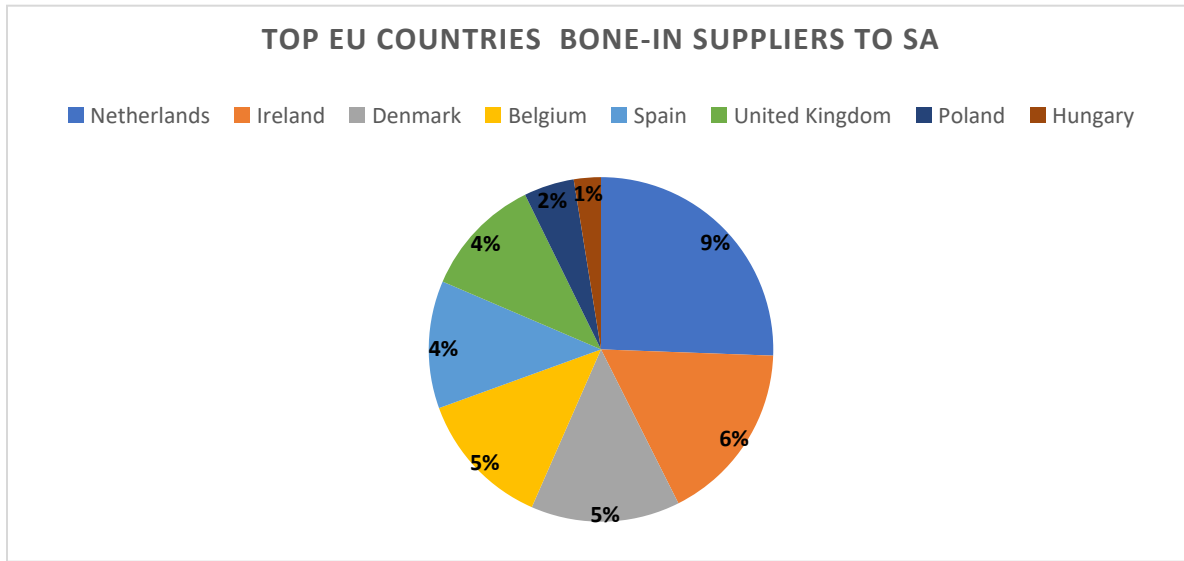
Figure 2: South Africa Chicken Cuts and Edible Offal (020714) imports from the World (2016-2018)



Source: Trade Data Monitor (TDM)

Figure 2 above shows the top countries that exported bone in chicken to South Africa from 2016 to 2018 for an average of three years. Brazil is the leading country with a percentage share of 37% followed by the EU with a share of 36% and US with a percentage share of 21%.

Figure 3: Top EU Countries that Supply South Africa with Bone-In Chicken (2016-2018)



Source: Trade Data Monitor

Seven EU countries are in the top ten world countries that supply South Africa with bone-in chicken, and they contribute 35% to the top 10 when combined. Poland is the tenth country on the list of top 10 countries that supply South Africa with bone-in chicken, although its imports increased exponentially in 2019. Figure two above shows eight countries that supply South Africa with bone in chicken, Poland is the 7th country on the list and contributes 2% to the list of countries that exported bone-in chicken to South Africa between 2016-2018.

SOUTH AFRICA IMPORTS FROM POLAND

Table 1: South Africa Poultry Imports from Poland (Chicken Cuts and Edible Offal including Livers, Frozen;020714)

HS-Code	Description	(2014-2018; Tons)					January-November		
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019	%Δ 2019/18
020714	Chicken Cuts and Edible Offal (Including Livers) Frozen	0	0	4,636	72	11,729	8,758	36,478	316%
02071493	Quarters	0	0	2,840	72	8,197	6,297	22,031	250%
02071495	Wings	0	0	781	0	2,807	2,109	10,862	415%
02071498	Drumsticks	0	0	576	0	725	352	2,215	529%
02071499	Other	0	0	195	0	0	0	108	0%
02071423	Feet	0	0	25	0	0	0	893	0%
02071429	Other	0	0	219	0	0	0	370	0%

Before 2014-2015, Poland did not export any poultry products to South Africa. Table 1 above shows that Imports of poultry products from Poland to South Africa began in 2016 and decreased in 2017 then later increased extensively in 2018. In the year 2018 Poland exported 11729 tons of chicken cuts and edible offal and between January and November 2019 Poland exported 36,478 tons. During January to November 2018 and January to November 2019 imports of chicken cuts and edible offal from Poland increased by 316%. The edible cuts and offal include quarters, wings, drumsticks, feet and other. The imports of quarters increased by 250% while wings and drumsticks increased by 415% and 529% respectively. The ban comes at a period where the imports of Poultry from Poland to South Africa were growing extensively.

Table 2: South Africa Poultry Imports from Poland: (Meat and Edible Offal of Chickens, Not cut in Pieces, Frozen;020712)

HS-Code	Description	(2014-2018; Tons)					January-November		
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019	%Δ 2019/18
020712	Meat and Edible Offal of Chickens, Not Cut in Pieces, Frozen	0	0	137	0	1,434	733	8,273	1029%
02071210	Mechanically Deboned Meat	0	0	0	0	756	270	2,920	981%
02071290	Other	0	0	137	0	678	463	5,298	1044%
02071220	Carcasses (Excluding Necks and Offal) With All Cuts (E.G. Thighs, Wings, Legs and Breasts) Removed	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0%

Source: Trade Data Monitor

Table 2 above shows South Africa imports of meat and edible offal of chickens from Poland. These imports include mechanically deboned meat (MDM) and carcasses. During 2018 Poland SA imported 1,434 tons of meat and edible offal of chickens from Poland. Between January to November 2018 and January to November 2019 the imports of meat and edible offal of chickens increased by 1,028%. Brazil remains the predominant supplier of MDM to South Africa.

Attachments:

No Attachments.