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## Mexico

### Poultry and Products

## Update- Poultry Agreements on Newcastle Disease to Export to Mexico

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**Report Highlights:**

This report updates Report MX3012 on Poultry Agreements on Newcastle Disease to Export to Mexico.

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**This report is an update of report MX3013 Poultry Agreements on Newcastle Disease to Export to Mexico.**

Mexico's Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) announced on January 10, 2003, that it had banned all imports of U.S. poultry products (except for cooked meat) because of an outbreak of Newcastle Disease (END) in California, but would allow shipments to enter through January 17, 2003. USDA sent a technical team from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to Mexico on January 14, 2003, to try and address SAGARPA's concerns and elucidate USDA's Newcastle control procedures. After nearly 20 hours of meetings over four days, SAGARPA agreed to temporarily regionalize the ban. Therefore, as a temporary measure, and until the risk analysis to evaluate the END situation in the U.S. is completed, poultry will be allowed entry under the following terms:

- 1) As of January 21, 2003, the United States. is eligible to export live poultry, hatching eggs, table eggs, SPF eggs, fresh poultry meat, chilled or frozen poultry meat, raw poultry meat for further thermal processing, fresh, green and salted poultry hides and leathers originating in the United States, except from the states of California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.
- 2) Imports of live poultry, hatching eggs, table eggs, SPF eggs, fresh poultry meat, chilled or frozen poultry meat, raw poultry meat for further thermal processing, fresh, green and salted poultry hides and leathers, originating in the U.S., can only be shipped into Mexico through the ports of  
**Cd. Reynosa, Tamaulipas**  
**Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua**  
**Nogales, Sonora**  
**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, and**  
**Colombia, Nuevo Leon.**
- 3) It is still prohibited to import poultry (except for fully cooked poultry meat) from Texas, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, West Virginia, and California due to the earlier detection of Avian Influenza in these states.
- 4) It is prohibited to import poultry meat, raw poultry meat for further thermal processing and poultry carcasses if these products were stored in cold storages in the states of California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.
- 5) Poultry meat destined exclusively for the northern border line can be shipped through the traditional entry points that were operating regularly before the present restrictions. *(NOTE: The Office of Agricultural Affairs checked with SAGARPA's office of border inspection which indicated that poultry meat (other than fully cooked which is not subject to the END or AI requirements) destined for the northern border line (see definition below) may cross through the ports of Mexicali, Tijuana, and San Luis Rio Colorado in California, and Nogales in Arizona, provided the container is sealed and complies with all requirements pertaining to END and AI. The sealed truck must go through Customs in order to get to the SAGARPA's point of inspection if the shipments cross through California and Arizona. Shipments for the border line that cross from other states may cross at any point.)* For the southern border region products can only be shipped through Puerto Morelos (for Cancun). For both cases, the supervision of an authorized verifying Veterinarian designated by SAGARPA is required.
- 6) Imports of raw poultry meat for further thermal processing from Texas, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, West Virginia, and other states is allowed, except from California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona.
- 7) As usual, all products must follow the SAGARPA requirements contained in the Zoosanitary Requirements Sheet (Hoja de Requisitos Zoosanitarios).

SAGARPA still requires the following statement concerning Newcastle Disease on U.S. health certificates.

*"The entire consignment of meat comes from birds which have been kept in an establishment free from Velogenic Newcastle disease and not situated in a Velogenic Newcastle disease infected zone and which have been slaughtered in an approved abattoir not situated in a Velogenic Newcastle disease infected zone and have been subjected to antemortem and postmortem inspections for Velogenic Newcastle disease with favorable results."*

Cooked products need to follow the Zoosanitary Requirements as usual and are subject to *Listeria monocytogenes* testing (MX2168) for export to Mexico. Cooked products are not under the previous list of terms, however, exporters are cautioned to verify eligibility with importers.

**Background:** The following GAIN reports contain related information on the END issue:

Report #	Name	Date
MX3002	GOM Establishes New Import Requirements for END and Poultry Meat for Further Processing	01/06/2003
MX3007	Poultry Banned due to END	01/13/2003

**Definition: The northern border line is defined as** -- The Mexican territory between the international line with the United States and a 20 km parallel line from the International limit, including a portion of the state of Sonora and the Gulf of Mexico, and the municipality of Cananea, Sonora.

**Definition: The border region is defined as** -- Includes the states of Baja California, Baja California Sur, Quintana Roo and a portion of the state of Sonora; the southern border region along with Guatemala and the municipalities of Comitán de Domínguez, Chiapas and Salina Cruz, Oaxaca.

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