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Chile Bans Brazil Meat and Poultry Imports

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Report Highlights:

Minister of Agriculture Carlos Furche took immediate actions on March 20th to suspend all imports of Brazilian pork, poultry and beef due to the recent scandal surrounding adulterated beef exports to the European Union. Industry sources told FAS Santiago that this is an opportunity for boosting U.S. poultry and meat exports to Chile, as it is a safe and reliable supplier. Chile is already the largest market for U.S. poultry/poultry products in South America with exports totaling \$77 million in 2016. U.S. pork and beef exports to Chile were \$54 million and \$53 million respectively for the same period.

General Information:

The Minister of Agriculture told local press that this temporary measure will be enforced until more details are known about the Brazil beef case. Following are links to various press reports on this matter: [Reuters](#) and [Emol-Spanish only](#).

According to the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture, there are 52 Brazilian facilities that have permission to export meat and poultry products to Chile. The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) said that they typically import poultry from one of the plants being questioned.

In CY2016, Chile imported beef, pork and poultry products from Brazil as follows:

- Beef: \$306 million (35% of the import market share) or 93,721 MT and the second largest supplier after Paraguay (See table 1).
- Pork: \$54 million (36% market share) or 24,690 MT and Chile's main supplier of pork products (See table 2).
- Poultry: \$89 million (36% market share) or 47,776 MT and Chile's main supplier of poultry products (See table 3).

Table 1. Chile: Beef import value and quantity.

Chile Import Statistics				
Commodity: Beef				
Partner Country	2016			
	USD	Market share (%)	Quantity	Market Share (%)
World	880,383,877	100%	212,627	100%
Paraguay	350,728,724	40%	77,180	36%
Brazil	305,641,417	35%	93,721	44%
Argentina	143,783,792	16%	25,790	12%
United States	46,112,212	5%	9,943	5%
Uruguay	28,936,371	3%	5,086	2%
Canada	3,529,422	0%	455	0%
Mexico	1,355,026	0%	392	0%
Spain	291,500	0%	58	0%
Others	5,413	0%	2	0%

Source of Data: Chile Customs - Servicio Nacional de Aduana

Table 2. Chile: Pork import value and quantity.

Chile Import Statistics				
Commodity: Pork				
Partner Country	2016			
	USD	Market share (%)	Quantity (MT)	Market share (%)
World	148,922,938	100%	58,779	100%
Brazil	53,557,470	36%	24,690	42%
United States	47,920,326	32%	16,459	28%
Canada	22,227,643	15%	9,797	17%
Poland	12,797,815	9%	5,784	10%
Spain	11,270,523	8%	1,732	3%
Others	1,149,161	1%	317	1%

Source of Data: Chile Customs - Servicio Nacional de Aduana

Table 3. Chile: Poultry import value and quantity.

Chile Import Statistics				
Commodity: Poultry Meat				
Partner Country	2016			
	USD	Market share (%)	Quantity	Market share (%)
World	169,458,717	100%	135,119	100%
Brazil	88,517,917	52%	47,776	35%
United States	61,412,255	36%	77,249	57%
Argentina	19,453,913	11%	10,046	7%
Uruguay	71,750	0%	47	0%
Italy	1,565	0%	-	0%
Others	1,317	0%	1	0%

Source of Data: Chile Customs - Servicio Nacional de Aduana