

**ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND IMPORT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN RELATION
TO THE BILATERAL RECOGNITION OF REGIONALIZATION ON HIGH PATHOGENICITY
AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) FOR POULTRY AND POULTRY MEAT TO BE EXPORTED TO THE
PHILIPPINES FROM POLAND**

The Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) provides the Animal Health Requirements and Import Terms and Conditions, in relation to the application for the bilateral recognition of HPAI regionalization. The following requirements and conditions are an addendum to the existing Import Terms and Conditions stated in the Accreditation granted to Poland.

I. Definition of Terms

Poultry - refers to all birds a) reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity, b) birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with *poultry* or *poultry* facilities, and c) birds that are kept in captivity for other reasons, including those that are kept for shows, racing, exhibitions, zoological collections and competitions, and for breeding or selling for these purposes, as well as pet birds, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with *poultry* or *poultry* facilities.

Poultry meat - refers to meat of poultry, which has not been subjected to any treatment irreversibly modifying its organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics. This includes frozen meat, chilled meat, minced meat and mechanically recovered/separated/deboned meat.

High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) - refers to an infection of poultry by any influenza A virus that has been determined as high pathogenicity in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Terrestrial Manual.

Outbreak - refers to the occurrence of one or more cases in an epidemiological unit. A case is defined as an individual bird infected by a pathogenic agent, with or without clinical signs.

Region - refers to a geographic land area which is identifiable by geographical, political or surveyed boundaries, and its geographical limits should be established by the Veterinary Authority of the Exporting Country on the basis of natural, artificial or legal boundaries and made public through official channels.

Infected Region - refers to a Region where an HPAI outbreak is declared by the Veterinary Authority of the Exporting Country, this includes the area/s where the containment zones are established by the Veterinary Authority of Exporting Country.

Free Region - refers to a Region other than the infection region as declared by the Veterinary Authority of the Exporting Country and as accepted and confirmed by the Philippines' Bureau of Animal Industry.

Veterinary Authority - refers to the exporting country's Governmental Authority of a Member Country of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), having the primary responsibility in the whole territory for coordinating the implementation of the standards of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC).



II. General Conditions regarding HPAI regionalization

1. The regionalization agreement shall apply to counties and areas located outside the restricted zones that have been declared free from HPAI by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country, and whose status is duly recognized by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).
2. The commodities under the bilateral recognition of HPAI regionalization are based on the granted Accreditation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), which are as follows:
 - a. Live chickens and their day-old chicks;
 - b. Live turkeys and their day-old chicks;
 - c. Hatching eggs of chicken and turkey;
 - d. Chicken meat;
 - e. Turkey meat; and
 - f. Goose meat.
3. The Veterinary Authority of Poland is required to submit an annual report to the BAI concerning the HPAI situation, including surveillance, monitoring, and control measures. This report ensures that the BAI is informed of the HPAI status and any developments that may necessitate modifications to the established bilateral HPAI regionalization agreement with the Philippines.

III. Animal Health Certification and Attestation

Supplemental to the requirements indicated for each consignment's import terms and conditions, the international veterinary certificate issued by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country, under the recognized HPAI regionalization, shall contain the following **additional** attestations:

1. For the export of live poultry (other than day-old chicks), the following requirements are as follows:
 - a. On the day of shipment, the poultry showed no clinical signs of avian influenza;
 - b. The poultry originated from an HPAI-free county;
 - c. The poultry originated from a flock that was monitored for avian influenza viruses and was found to be negative;
 - d. The live poultry have not been transported through HPAI restricted zones;
 - e. If they have been transported through HPAI restricted zones, the live poultry were placed under specified conditions to reduce disease risk, such as using expressways, containers are sealed with an official seal as determined by the veterinary authority of Poland, and shall only disembark at the point of entry; AND
 - f. If the live poultry have been vaccinated against avian influenza viruses, the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination must be indicated in the international veterinary certificate.
2. For the export of day-old chicks, the following requirements are as follows:
 - a. The day-old chicks came from an HPAI-free zone county since they were hatched;
AND
 - b. The day-old chicks were derived from parent flocks that were monitored for avian influenza viruses and were found to be negative at the time of collection of the eggs from which the day-old chicks hatched;
OR
 - c. The day-old chicks that hatched from eggs that had their surfaces sanitised in accordance with WOAHA/TAHC recommendations;



- d. The day-old chicks have not been transported through HPAI restricted zones;
 - e. If they have been transported through HPAI restricted zones, the day-old chicks were placed under specified conditions to reduce disease risk, such as using expressways, containers are sealed with an official seal as determined by the veterinary authority of Poland, and shall only disembark at the point of entry; AND
 - f. If the day-old chicks or the parent flocks have been vaccinated against avian influenza, the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination must be stated in the international veterinary certificate.
3. For the export of hatching eggs of chicken and turkey, the following requirements are as follows:
- a. The hatching eggs came from an HPAI-free county;
 - b. The hatching eggs were derived from parent flocks that were monitored for avian influenza viruses and were found to be negative at the time of collection of the hatching eggs;
- OR
- c. The hatching eggs have had their surfaces sanitized in accordance with the recommendation of the WOAHA TAHC;
 - d. The hatching eggs have not been transported through HPAI restricted zones;
 - e. If they have been transported through HPAI restricted zones, the hatching eggs were placed under specified conditions to reduce disease risk, such as using expressways, containers are sealed with an official seal as determined by the veterinary authority of Poland, and shall only disembark at the point of entry; AND
 - f. If the parent flocks have been vaccinated against avian influenza, the nature of the vaccine used and the date of vaccination must be stated in the international veterinary certificate.
- 4.. For export of poultry meat, the following requirements are as follows:
- a. The entire consignment of fresh meat comes from poultry, which originated from an HPAI-free county and has been transported into the poultry slaughtering facilities only via free zones OR if they pass through the infected zones before being carried into slaughterhouses, appropriate vehicles in terms of animal health which do not allow contamination of pathogens of poultry infectious diseases during the transport must be used. In addition, the competent authority of Poland must ensure that the poultry were directly sent from the origin to the slaughterhouses in a vehicle that was not opened on the way.
 - b. The entire consignment of fresh meat was slaughtered in an approved (by the Veterinary Authority) slaughterhouse/abattoir from the HPAI-free county, and was subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspection, with favorable results, in accordance with the WOAHA TAHC recommendations.

IV. Evaluation, Liability, and Settlement of disputes

An evaluation of the implementation of the present bilateral recognition of regionalization on High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) for poultry and poultry meat to be exported to the Philippines from Poland shall be made on a regular basis, but no less frequently than every two (2) years, in order to determine whether the present HPAI regionalization agreement is satisfactory and beneficial.

The countries entering into an HPAI regionalization agreement shall not hold each other liable for direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages that are in any way related to any action undertaken under the agreement. The countries shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend each other from and against any and all third-party claims, liabilities,



costs, damages and/or expenses of any kind arising out of or in connection with the action under the agreement.

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the HPAI regionalization agreement shall be settled amicably through direct consultations or negotiations between the two countries. An attempt shall be made to resolve any differences in accordance with the WOAHP informal procedure for dispute mediation.

V. Final provisions

1. The present agreement shall enter into force on the date of agreed confirmation of both countries on this import terms and conditions document for HPAI regionalization.
2. The HPAI regionalization agreement may be amended by mutual consent expressed in writing at any time in accordance with the countries' respective statutory requirements.
3. Either country may terminate the present agreement by giving written notice of termination to the official veterinary services of the other country. The termination shall be effective three months after it is delivered to the receiving country, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both countries.
4. In the event of any violation of the obligations concerning the exchange of data referred to in the present agreement (such as but not limited to, violations in the veterinary health attestations, food safety concerns, and non-declaration of existing HPAI cases), the Philippines reserves the right to terminate the agreement at any time without prior notice and with immediate effect.

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