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### Poultry and Products

## China Suspends Imports of U.S. Poultry Products from West Virginia

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**Report Highlights:**

On April 17, 2007, China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Administration for Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) jointly announced the suspension of imports of poultry and products from West Virginia. China took these regulatory actions in response to an H5N2 LPAI outbreak in Pendleton, West Virginia, announced by USDA on March 30, 2007. China's announcement was issued and effective on April 17, 2007 and was published on AQSIQ's web site on April 24, 2007. According to the OIE, cooked poultry should be excluded from China's ban; additionally, China should resume imports of West Virginia fresh/frozen poultry three months after the outbreak and disinfection measures on the affected commercial farm.

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Summary

On April 17, 2007, China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Administration for Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) jointly announced the suspension of trade of poultry and products from West Virginia. China indicates it took the regulatory action in response to an H5N2 LPAI (low pathogenic avian influenza) outbreak in Pendleton, West Virginia, announced by USDA on March 30, 2007. China's announcement was issued and effective on April 17, 2007 and was published on AQSIQ's web site on April 24, 2007.

According to the announcement, any U.S. poultry and products that arrived or shipped from West Virginia during and after March 9, 2007, will be returned or destroyed. Products arrived or shipped from West Virginia before March 9<sup>th</sup> shall be given customs clearance only after passing inspection for avian influenza.

According to the guidelines of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), cooked poultry should have been excluded from China's trade suspension action; additionally, China should resume imports of fresh and frozen poultry processed in West Virginia after three months and effective disinfection measures on the commercial operation.

China's actions will not have a significant impact on total U.S. poultry exports to that country, given the limited shipments from that State. West Virginia's broiler production comprises less than 1% of U.S. total output.

Background

On Saturday, March 31, 2007, USDA confirmed that test results for samples collected the day before from turkeys at a farm in West Virginia are indicative of exposure to an H5N2 avian influenza virus. The test results are consistent with the low pathogenic strains of avian influenza, or LPAI, which are commonly found in birds and typically cause only minor sickness or no noticeable symptoms. International animal health standards now require countries to report all H5 and H7 detections, and USDA notified the World Organization for Animal Health, or OIE, of the H5N2 detection in West Virginia. See the following website for more USDA information on the situation:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2007/04/lpai.shtml>

Unofficial translation of the Chinese Government's announcement

Ministry of Agriculture of People's Republic of China  
Announcement

General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of People's  
Republic of China

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Recently, USDA reported to the OIE that an H5N2 sub-type low-pathogenic avian influenza outbreak occurred in Pendleton, West Virginia, USA on March 30, 2007. For the purpose of preventing the avian influenza from entering China and to safeguard the safety of animal husbandry in our country, the following announcement is hereby made in accordance to relevant laws and regulations of China, including "Quarantine Laws on Animals and Plants Entering and Exiting People's Republic of China":

1. It is prohibited to import poultry and its products directly or indirectly from West Virginia, USA. It is terminated to issue the "Quarantine License of Animals and Plants Entering

China" for the poultry and its products imported from West Virginia, USA. "Quarantine License of Animals and Plants Entering China" which have already issued for the poultry and its products imported from West Virginia, USA, are repealed.

2. Poultry and products arrived or shipped from West Virginia, USA after March 9, 2007 (including March 9<sup>th</sup>) shall be returned or destroyed. The poultry and its products arrived or shipped from West Virginia, USA before March 9, 2007 shall be given customs clearance only after passing the avian influenza inspection.
3. The poultry and its product from West Virginia mailed or brought by travelers shall be prohibited to enter China, and shall be returned or destroyed when found.
4. Poultry and its products from West Virginia found on ships, airplanes and trains on international voyages passing or staying in China shall be kept in custody after sealing; the poultry bred and used by the transportation tools shall be kept in cages completely, with their wastes undergone harmless treatment under the supervision of inspection and quarantine institutions for goods entering China. No unapproved disposal is allowed.
5. Such poultry and its products from the U.S. found to enter China illegally should be destroyed under the nearby inspection and quarantine institutions for goods entering and exiting China.
6. Any person breaching above-said regulations shall be handled in accordance with relevant regulations prescribed in "Quarantine Laws on Animals and Plants Entering and Exiting People's Republic of China".
7. Each inspection and quarantine institutions for goods entering and exiting China, as well as animal quarantine and supervision institutions of each level shall cooperate with the quarantine, inspection and supervision work closely, in accordance with the "Quarantine Laws on Animals and Plants Entering and Exiting People's Republic of China" and "Epidemic Prevention Laws on Animals of People's Republic of China".

The announcement is effective from the issuing day on April 17, 2007.

End of report.