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NCIE Import of Animal Products and By-Products

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NCIE Import Animal Products and By-Products



- Mission
 - Facilitate safe international trade of animal products and by-products
 - Regulate the import animal products
 - Prevent the introduction of dangerous and costly pests and diseases
 - Promulgate import regulations and policies
 - Collaborate with other government agencies
 - Issue import permits

What's New?



- VS New Science & Vision
- BSE Comprehensive Rule
- TSE Rule
- APHIS Defined EU-Poultry Trade Region (PTR) Rule
- Regionalization Updates

VS New Science & Vision initiative

- USDA/APHIS Reorganization
 - Name change to the National Center for Import and Export (NCIE) to the **National Import Export Service (NIES)** will not affect day-to-day activities or services.
- Streamlining animal products import regulations (9 CFR)
 - Streamlining Part 94, Part 95, and Part 96
 - Reorganize, clarify, and update for easier understanding

Science & Vision initiative (*cont.*)

Streamlining animal products import regulations (9 CFR)

- Add a notice-based process and risk-based criteria for acceptance of new disease mitigation procedures
- New mitigation procedures will be posted on our website
- Miscellaneous updates and corrections identified during regulation review
- Make disease mitigation requirements less prescriptive and more performance based

BSE Comprehensive Rule Summary

- Establish BSE-related import provisions closely aligned with OIE guidelines, including country risk status classifications (Negligible, Controlled, and Undetermined)
- Allow flexibility in BSE risk classification process
 - APHIS concurrence with OIE
 - Independent APHIS evaluation
 - Countries not evaluated will be Undetermined Risk
- Countries will be considered Undetermined Risk until such time that **APHIS** determines it to be Negligible or Controlled Risk
- Recognition will be based on:
 - APHIS concurrence with OIE classification, OR
 - APHIS evaluation, upon request, of countries not classified by the OIE

BSE Comprehensive Rule Summary

- Eliminates the need for formal rulemaking for each individual country/region
- Importation of bovines and bovine products/by-products from BSE minimal-risk regions (Canada) and for boneless beef from Japan will be removed and incorporated into this rule
- Facilities producing processed animal proteins, regardless of species of origin, will require annual inspection to ensure mitigation of commingling risks
- Ruminant meat-and-bone meal (MBM) and greaves from controlled and undetermined risk countries will remain as prohibited materials



BSE Comprehensive Rule and the HPAI Final Rule

- The BSE Comprehensive Rule and the HPAI Final Rule continue to move through appropriate channels.
- The BSE Comprehensive Rule is expected to be finalized near the change of the calendar year.



Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Rule

- OIE Code does not address BSE risk for ovines/caprines
 - Separate rulemaking is currently under development to address TSE import requirements to allow importation of sheep and goats, their embryos, and their products/by-products from countries classified as Negligible or Controlled Risk for BSE under certain conditions.
 - This rule will also address TSEs in 'exotic', zoological or other ruminant species not covered in the BSE Comprehensive Rule



APHIS Defined EU-Poultry Trade Region (PTR) Rule

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APHIS is recognizing the below European Union States as free of Newcastle Disease (END) and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) due to their veterinary infrastructure and the ability to prevent the movement of animals or products from a restricted zone established because of detection of END or HPAI in commercial poultry. The rule continues to implement requirements for the importation of live poultry and poultry meat and poultry products that facilitate their importation, while maintaining safeguards to protect the United States from communicable foreign avian diseases.

- **25 Member States:** Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and Northern Ireland)

APHIS Defined EU-Poultry Trade Region (PTR) Rule

- Poultry/bird products and by-products (blood, specimens, bird's nests, rooster comb, hyaluronic acid, feathers, dietary supplements containing bird/poultry ingredients such as chondroitin sulfate, poultry products and by-products for animal use/pet food products etc.) must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the National Center for Import and Export must accompany all shipments.
- Meat must be accompanied the appropriate certification.
- Exceptions:
 - Finished products (such as down jackets, ostrich skin boots etc.)
 - unrestricted
 - Bird trophies
 - Certificate of Origin indicating the region of origin as a EU-25 PTR that is not restricted due to END/HPAI in commercial poultry.

APHIS Defined EU-Poultry Trade Region (PTR) Rule

- Hunter harvested avian game meat, if eviscerated with head and feet removed
- Poultry/bird products packaged in hermetically sealed containers and cooked by a commercial method after such packing to produce articles that are shelf-stable without refrigeration
- Poultry meat and egg products in passenger baggage that appear thoroughly cooked upon visual inspection by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials
- Egg products and products that contain egg ingredients such as baked goods (excluding moon cakes), drink mixes, egg protein shampoos, mayonnaise, plain pasta, plain noodles, salad dressings, sauces, and cake mixes

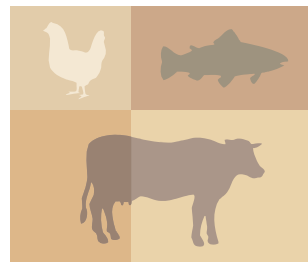
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Currently only France and the United Kingdom are approved by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to export poultry meat and meat products to the United States for human consumption.



Regionalization Update

- Final rule to recognize Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Estonia as low risk for CSF and to remove certain restrictions on the importation of swine semen from the European Union published on December 17, 2012
- Final rule to recognize 25 Member States as free of HPAI and END published on March 29, 2013
- Notice of Determination published April 26, 2013, adding four Regions and two Autonomous Provinces in Italy to the list of regions recognized as SVD-free





Questions?

