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Announcement

Changes to Florida Import Requirements for Poultry January 14, 2016

Due to the recent outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the United States, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, has revised the Animal Import Rule, 5C-3 F.A.C, relating to the import of poultry and poultry products into the state. As part of the continued efforts to protect the state and industry from the introduction of HPAI, the [new import requirements](#) will include Avian Influenza (AI) testing for poultry entering the state. The official enforcement date of the new import requirement is March 1, 2016.

The primary changes to the routine importation requirements for poultry and poultry products entering Florida include:

- Pre-import AI testing requirements,
- Exemption of the required Prior Permission Number for international transshipments through Florida, and for hatching eggs and chicks less than 4 days of age originating from National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) AI Clean flocks.

For a summary of the new AI import testing requirements, see the reverse side of this announcement.

The entire poultry rule, 5C-3.012 can be viewed at the following link, <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/content/download/64362/1523686/NewPoultryEntryRequirements-5C-3%20012.pdf>.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact the division at 850-410-0900.

Florida Avian Influenza (AI) Import Testing Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the poultry entry requirements as listed in 5C-3, F.A.C.

1. Poultry or poultry products originating from a *non-AI affected state*.

- All poultry and poultry products must be accompanied by proof of a negative, approved test for AI, with entry into Florida, within 21 days of the AI sample being taken; and
- If a flock with greater than 30 birds is to be imported, then no less than 30 samples per flock must be taken with at least 10 samples taken per house; or
- If a flock of less than 30 birds is to be imported, then all birds must be tested.
- Exemptions:
 - Poultry or poultry products originating from flocks classified as US Avian Influenza Clean in non-AI affected states as provided in 9 CFR §§ 145 (NPIP).

2. Poultry products originating from an *AI affected state*.

- Quarantine or Control Area: No domestic fowl, live poultry or poultry products or hatching eggs originating from a Quarantine or Control Area in an AI affected state may enter Florida, except for imported birds that have completed all USDA and originating state requirements to move from a Quarantine or Control Area and have completed Florida import requirements.
- Non-Quarantine or Control Areas: All poultry and poultry products:
 - Must be accompanied by proof of a negative, approved test for AI, with entry into Florida, within 7 days of the AI sample being taken.
 - If a flock with greater than 30 birds is to be imported, then no less than 30 samples per flock must be taken with at least 10 samples taken per house; or
 - If a flock of less than 30 birds is to be imported, then all birds must be tested.
 - Exemptions: Poultry or poultry products originating from flocks classified as US Avian Influenza Clean, as provided in 9 CFR §§ 145 (NPIP).

Avian Influenza (AI) – Affected State - Any state in which Avian Influenza subtypes H5 or H7 has been diagnosed in poultry within the last 90 days prior to importation into Florida.

Avian Influenza (AI) Approved Test- Antibody or antigen capture methodologies recognized by NPIP and conducted at a laboratory approved to conduct such tests by USDA, APHIS.