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**Report Name:** Hong Kong to Resume Imports of Poultry and Poultry Products from Anson County of North Carolina

**Country:** Hong Kong

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**Report Highlights:**

Following the successful eradication of low path avian influenza from the affected premises in Anson and Union Counties North Carolina, the Hong Kong government (HKG) has lifted its ban on imports of poultry (carcass and parts) and poultry products (including eggs) effective September 21, 2020. The HKG imposed the ban on March 18, 2020.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) National Veterinary Services Lab (NVSL) confirmed H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) in samples from one commercial turkey breeder flock in Anson County, North Carolina on March 12, 2020 and subsequently in two commercial meat turkey premises in Union County in North Carolina. The HKG immediately restricted the import of poultry and poultry products (including eggs) for human consumption to Hong Kong from these specific counties.

On September 21, 2020, APHIS requested that Hong Kong lift its LPAI-related import ban on poultry and poultry products (including eggs) from these counties because eradication measures including quarantine, depopulation, disposal, establishment of control zones, movement controls, surveillance, epidemiological investigation, and cleaning and disinfection had been completed 90 days prior. Upon receiving the information, the HKG reinstated the processing of applications to import poultry and poultry products from Anson County, North Carolina, effective September 18, 2020.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.