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Report Highlights:

Hong Kong lifted the ban on the imports of live poultry and birds from the United States, except those from Anson and Union counties in North Carolina, effective August 31, 2020.

Following the submission of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Summary Report of the Eradication of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Low Pathogenicity Avian influenza in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, the Hong Kong government removed the ban on U.S. live poultry and birds effective Augh 31, 2020. The ban was imposed on April 14, 2020.

However, the ban on live poultry exports from Anson and Union Counties in North Carolina is still in place. According to Hong Kong's practice, the ban will be removed 90 days after the thorough elimination of affected poultry and disinfection of the premises. The related Summary Report submitted by APHIS indicated that the disinfection of the affected premises in Anson and Union Counties was completed on July 16, 2020, so the 90-day post-infection period has not been met and the ban on these two counties remains. The ban on the two counties in North Carolina was imposed on March 18, 2020 as a result of the outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza cases there.

The ban did not create any negative trade impact because the United States does not export live poultry to Hong Kong and the ban did not cover the transshipment of U.S. day-old chicks through the airport area.

Attachments:

No Attachments.