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Philippines bans poultry imports from AI hit countries

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Philippineâ??s Department of Agriculture (DA) has imposed restrictions on the import of chicken and other poultry products from Poland, Ireland, Denmark, Czech Republic, Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Moldova, and Peru due to the outbreak of avian influenza (AI). The ban includes imports of domestic and wild birds, poultry meat and eggs.

The DA has immediately suspended the processing, evaluation of the application, and issuance of sanitary and phytosanitary import clearance for the affected commodities. DA also directed the authorities to confiscate all shipments from the mentioned countries.

Ban has been imposed on the basis official report submitted by the Director General of the Central Veterinary Administration of State Veterinary Administration, Prague, Czech Republic to the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) on December 1, 2022, that there was an outbreak of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in FrahelÅ¾, Tabor, and Jihocesky affecting birds as confirmed by Veterinary Diagnostic Directorate.

Chinese Taipei, Ecuador, Moldova, and Peru have also submitted official reports to the WOAH and WOAH confirmed that outbreaks the of HPAI virus have been detected in domestic birds in these countries. Ireland, Denmark and Poland also reported HPAI virus which is affecting local birds.

To prevent the entry of HPAI virus into the country DA has imposed a temporary ban on chicken import.