



Government of Samoa

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

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Lifting of Suspension on the Importation of Avian and Ratite Meat and Related Products from Brazil

To: The Business Community

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) wishes to inform all stakeholders of the lifting of the suspension on the importation of avian and ratite meat, as well as related products and materials, from Brazil.

This decision follows an official declaration from the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, along with confirmations from international media, stating that Brazil is now free from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry flocks. This status is recognized in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) guidelines, as there have been no reported cases of HPAI in commercial operations.

In addition to reviewing international confirmations, the Ministry has carried out an internal review of available information regarding Brazil's current animal health status. Based on this analysis, MAF is satisfied that the biosecurity risk to Samoa has been sufficiently mitigated. Accordingly, the import suspension imposed on 11 June 2025 is hereby lifted with immediate effect. Imports of the relevant commodities from Brazil may now resume, subject to compliance with existing biosecurity import permit requirements.

MAF remains steadfast in its mission to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Samoa, not only through protection of the national livestock sector, but also through preserving public health, food security, and economic stability. The lifting of this import suspension reflects MAF's continued commitment to maintaining the integrity of Samoa's borders and ensuring rigorous biosecurity standards. We will continue monitoring global developments and engage with partners to keep Samoa resilient against transboundary animal diseases.

We thank all importers and stakeholders for their ongoing cooperation and support of this essential national effort.

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