



Government of Samoa

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

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Subject: Lifting of Suspension on Imports of Avian and Ratite Meat from Brazil

Apia, Samoa – The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) announces the formal lifting of the temporary suspension on the importation of avian and ratite meat, along with related products and materials, from Brazil. This decision takes effect immediately.

The suspension, initially imposed on 11 June 2025, was a precautionary measure in response to outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Brazil. Following an official declaration from the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock—supported by international media reports—Brazil has now been confirmed free of HPAI in its commercial poultry operations as of 18 June 2025. This status is recognized under the guidelines of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), which requires a minimum 28-day period without new outbreaks in commercial flocks to declare freedom from HPAI.

In addition to this international confirmation, MAF has conducted its own veterinary risk assessment and internal technical reviews of Brazil's current animal health situation. Based on these findings, the Ministry confirms that the suspension is lifted, and imports of the relevant commodities may resume, provided they meet Samoa's biosecurity import permit requirements and sanitary conditions.

MAF remains committed to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of Samoa—not only through the protection of our national livestock sector, but also by preserving public health, food security, and economic stability. The lifting of this suspension reflects MAF's continued dedication to maintaining strong biosecurity standards and ensuring Samoa's resilience against transboundary animal diseases.

MAF thanks all importers, stakeholders, and partner agencies for their ongoing cooperation and support in upholding Samoa's biosecurity integrity.

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