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A. Background

The Philippines imposed temporary trade restrictions to poultry commodities in several states of USA due to the presence of HPAI in three or more counties in one state. Recently, the NVQSD Central Office received requests from Veterinary Quarantine Stations with international ports on how to properly interpret the source state of each poultry shipment due to the different information reflected in the Veterinary Health Certificates (VHC) and labels in cartons.

B. Verification of the Source States of Poultry Shipments

1. The source establishment of each poultry shipment is identified by the Establishment number of the product as written in Data Field No. 16 or Establishment (EST) No. on Product written in their VHC or (Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness or FSIS Form 9060-5)
2. To verify the source state of the EST No. written in the VHC, Veterinary Quarantine Officers (VQO) must verify the location of the EST number through the website of the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service—<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/fsis-inspected-establishments>
3. The EST number indicated in the VHC and labels must be consistent with the EST number in the label of cartons.

C. Decision Making Tools for Incoming Poultry Shipments

1. OPTION A. Manual Reference Table

The DA issued three Memorandum Orders (MO) (MO No. 07, MO No. 11, and MO No. 14, Series of 2025) which indicated the allowed production/slaughter dates and date of issuance of this policy. To provide guidance to the VQOs on how to evaluate incoming poultry shipments from states with trade restrictions, the following tables are hereby provided:



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Decision making matrix

(a) State of Source Establishment	(b) Production Date (as written in the Packing List)	(c) Date of Accepted into Port or Gate in of Shipment
Maryland	December 31, 2024	February 4, 2025
Missouri	December 31, 2024	February 4, 2025
Illinois	October 31, 2024	February 18, 2025
Minnesota	November 12, 2024	February 18, 2025
Ohio	November 29, 2024	February 18, 2025
Wisconsin	November 26, 2024	February 18, 2025
Indiana	December 20, 2024	March 4, 2025
New York	January 3, 2025 ¹	March 4, 2025
Pennsylvania	January 21, 2025	March 4, 2025

Case scenarios

Condition	Decision
Earliest production date is on or before the date in Column B and shipment is before the date in Column C	RELEASE
Earliest production date is after the date in Column B and shipment is on or before the date in Column C	TEST
Earliest production date is after the date in Column B and shipment is after the date in Column C	NOT ACCEPTED
Earliest production date is before the date in Column B and after the date in Column C	NOT ACCEPTED

2. OPTION B. Automated Excel Entry Sheet (<https://bit.ly/USPoultryDecisionTool>)

To use the automated spreadsheet, VQOs must provide the following relevant information:

Item no.	Information	Reference Document	Column
1	Name of Establishment/EST No.	VHC, Block 16	C
2	State of Source Establishment	FSIS database system	D
3	Earliest Production Date	Packing List	E
4	Date Accepted into Port or Gate in	Bill of Lading	G



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Other details:

1. VQOs must verify the source state using the FSIS database system (<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/fsis-inspected-establishments>)
2. Using the Bill of Lading Reference Number, VQOs must search the online database of the shipping company of the poultry consignments. The "Gate-in", "Date Accepted", or "Received to Port" will be used in the evaluating the decision for each shipment.
3. Column H of the Automated Excel Entry Sheet has three decision responses:
 - Test – a sample must be submitted to the BAI Animal Disease Diagnosis and Reference Laboratory following the protocol written in BAI Memorandum No. 423, Series of 2025
 - Release – the poultry consignment is cleared for release provided all documentary and inspection requirements have been complied at the port of entry
 - Not accepted – the shipment is not allowed to enter the country due to the non-compliance in conditions set forth in the MO. Disposition of unaccepted commodities shall follow Article VI, Section 3 of DA AC No. 6, Series of 2022.

For your information.

Done this 22nd day of April, 2025

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