



# Appendix A

## *Guide to Entry Status of Animal Products in Passenger Baggage or Mail*

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### Introduction

This appendix is a quick guide to regulating animal product importations in passenger baggage or in mail. If a country is **not** listed, consider the country affected with all diseases. Directions for regulating animal product importations are detailed in the *Procedures* section of this manual. The *Reference* section describes entry requirements in detail. Use the *Reference* section for commercial importations and for **all** dairy products. **Never** use *Appendix A* for commercial importations.



For a product in passenger baggage, if the commercially-prepared label cannot be easily translated, or the product information cannot be determined through passenger interview, then the product must be refused entry.

## Warning About Hand Carrying Biological Agents



Veterinary Services **prohibits** the hand carrying of certain biological agents such as those moving in contradiction<sup>1</sup> of the permit. Therefore, follow these directions in handling such hand-carried biological agents:

1. REVIEW the accompanying VS Form 16-6A, Import Permit.
2. CHECK if the agent is moving in contradiction<sup>1</sup> of the permit.
3. If the biological agent is moving in contradiction of the permit, then CONFISCATE the biological agent, and contact the National Center for Import and Export at 301/734-3277, for directions on proper storage, transport, and destruction of the materials.

- 1 For example, the VS Form 16-6A, Import Permit, specifies that "imported materials **must** be shipped by a commercial carrier," yet the biological agent is being hand carried. The biological agent would be moving in contradiction of the permit.

## Handling Passengers That Are In Transit

In-transit passengers are travelers who are immediately passing through the United States on their way to another country. In general, such passengers are low risk for introducing animal diseases; however, if there is a risk of introducing disease, then **do not** allow articles to transit. Use [Table A-1-1](#) to determine your action.

TABLE A-1-1 Determine Action to Take with Transiting Passengers' Meat, Meat Products, Animal Products, and Animal By-Products

If the passenger in transit has:	And the meat, meat product, or by-product is:	And is in the passenger's:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Animal product</li> <li>◆ Animal by-product</li> <li>◆ Meat</li> <li>◆ Meat product</li> </ul>	Ineligible for entry	Baggage checked through to destination	ALLOW transit
		Carry-on baggage	REFUSE to allow transit
	Eligible for entry	→	ALLOW transit

## Importations of Shelf-Stable Meat Cooked in the Container

Cooked, shelf-stable meat<sup>1</sup> is a condition that applies a high temperature which renders the meat or meat product shelf stable.

The following process **must** take place to render meat cooked, shelf stable:

1. Pack the meat or meat product in a rigid or semi-rigid container (glass, metal, or plastic), or a flexible pouch (foil or plastic).
2. Completely seal the container against the escape or entry of air (hermetically seal).
3. Cook the meat.






If you doubt the shelf stability of the product, then require appropriate certification for the product, based on the requirements published in this manual. Otherwise, refuse entry. If the discrimination of shelf stability is questionable and the product is frequently encountered, then contact PPQ, VRS for direction.

Use [Table A-1-2](#) below to determine the action to take for importations of cooked, shelf-stable meat.

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<sup>1</sup> If you **cannot** determine the animal class, then REFUSE ENTRY. If **other than** canned, shelf-stable meat, then see the [Matrix on page A-1-19](#).




**TABLE A-1-2 Determine Entry Status for Importation of Canned, Shelf-Stable Meat in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail**

If the canned, shelf-stable meat was derived from:	And is:	And the country/region of origin is:	And the importation is:	And:	Then:
Poultry		Affected with HPAI (H5N1), and the country is regionalized <sup>1</sup> for HPAI (H5N1)	Labeled <sup>2</sup> as being from regionalized zones affected with HPAI (H5N1)	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
				<b>Lacks</b> a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
			<b>Not</b> labeled as being from HPAI (H5N1) affected areas of regionalized countries		RELEASE
		Affected with HPAI (H5N1) and the country is <b>not</b> regionalized <sup>1</sup> for HPAI (H5N1)		Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
				<b>Lacks</b> a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
		Free from HPAI (H5N1)	Commercially packaged and labeled <sup>2</sup> and contained in <b>unopened</b> containers or packages		RELEASE
<b>Not</b> as listed above			REFUSE ENTRY		

**TABLE A-1-2 Determine Entry Status for Importation of Canned, Shelf-Stable Meat in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail (continued)**

If the canned, shelf-stable meat was derived from:	And is:	And the country/region of origin is:	And the importation is:	And:	Then:
Ruminant	Bovine e.g., (bison, buffalo, cattle, or yak)	Affected with BSE	→		REFUSE ENTRY
		Minimal risk for BSE <sup>3</sup>	→		RELEASE
		Free from BSE	Commercially packaged and labeled <sup>2</sup> and contained in <b>unopened</b> containers or packages	→	RELEASE
			<b>Not</b> as listed above	→	REFUSE ENTRY
	1. Caprine (goats) 2. Ovine (sheep)	Affected with BSE	→		REFUSE ENTRY
		Minimal risk for BSE <sup>3</sup>	→		REFUSE ENTRY
		Free from BSE	Commercially packaged and labeled <sup>2</sup> and contained in <b>unopened</b> containers or packages	→	RELEASE
			<b>Not</b> as listed above	→	REFUSE ENTRY
	1. Camelid (e.g., alpaca, camels) 2. Cervids (e.g., caribou, deer, elk, moose, reindeer)	Affected with BSE	→		REFUSE ENTRY
		Minimal risk for BSE <sup>3</sup>	→		RELEASE
		Free from BSE	Commercially packaged and labeled <sup>2</sup> and contained in <b>unopened</b> containers or packages	→	RELEASE
			Not as listed above	→	REFUSE ENTRY

**TABLE A-1-2 Determine Entry Status for Importation of Canned, Shelf-Stable Meat in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail (continued)**

If the canned, shelf-stable meat was derived from:	And is:	And the country/region of origin is:	And the importation is:	And:	Then:
Swine			Commercially packaged and labeled <sup>2</sup> and contained in <b>unopened</b> containers or packages		RELEASE
			<b>Not</b> as listed above		REFUSE ENTRY

- 1 In Regionalized countries, only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See page A-1-17 for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 For a product in passenger baggage, if the commercially-prepared label cannot be easily translated, or the product information cannot be determined through passenger interview, then the product must be refused entry.
- 3 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.

## Interception of Parma Ham in Passenger Baggage

If a Parma ham is offered for importation in passenger's baggage with the required certification, you **must** inspect the ham. Ensure that the ham has **both** a hot brand or an ink seal showing the identifying plant number of the slaughtering establishment, and a button seal on the hock that shows the date and year the ham entered the processing establishment.

## Importations of Bouillon Cubes or Granules and Dry Soup Mixes

Use [Table A-1-3 on page A-1-8](#) for importations of bouillon cubes or granules and dry soup mixes arriving in passenger baggage or the mail. Dry soup mixes are dehydrated soup mixes containing meat. Some mixes contain rice or pasta; some are just a powder mixture. All mixes **must** be commercially prepared. Directions for preparing the soup **must only** be the adding of hot water or adding water followed by a microwave treatment.

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The directions may say to empty the contents of one envelope into a mug or large cup, add boiling water, etc.


The directions **must not** include cooking. The meat may be in a powder form or in dried pieces the size of bouillon cubes or silver dollars. Ingredients may all be in one package or envelope, or may be in a bowl or cup with some of the ingredients in separate envelopes within the bowl or cup.

The purpose for allowing a reasonable amount of soup mixes for personal consumption while traveling is to deter individuals from importing commercial quantities for resale. Be aware that for a family of two coming into the United States for several weeks to have a case of 50 soup mixes for their daily consumption would be reasonable.

TABLE A-1-3 Bouillon Cubes or Granules and Dry Soup Mixes in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail

If the importation is a:	And Contains:	And is:	And the country/ region of origin is:	And the importation is:	And:	Then:			
Small quantity - a reasonable amount for personal consumption while traveling	Poultry (includes products with egg)	→	Affected with HPAI (H5N1), and the country is regionalized <sup>1</sup> for HPAI (H5N1)	Labeled as being from regionalized zones affected with HPAI (H5N1)	Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE			
					Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY			
				Not labeled as being from HPAI (H5N1) affected areas of regionalized countries	→	RELEASE			
					→	Affected with HPAI (H5N1), and the country is not regionalized <sup>1</sup> for HPAI (H5N1)		Is accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
				→			Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY	
					→	Free from HPAI (H5N1)	Commercially packaged and labeled and contained in unopened containers or packages	You can confirm the origin <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE
							You cannot confirm the origin <sup>2</sup>	REFUSE ENTRY	
							Not listed as above	→	REFUSE ENTRY
			Ruminant	Bovine (bison, buffalo, cattle, yak)	→	Affected with BSE	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
						Minimal risk for BSE <sup>3</sup>	→	RELEASE	
Free from BSE	→	RELEASE							
Caprine (goats) Ovine (sheep)	→	Affected with BSE		→	REFUSE ENTRY				
		Minimal risk for BSE <sup>3</sup>		→	REFUSE ENTRY				
		Free from BSE		→	RELEASE				
Camelid (alpacas, camels)	→	Affected with BSE		→	REFUSE ENTRY				
		Minimal risk for BSE <sup>3</sup>		→	RELEASE				
		Free from BSE		→	RELEASE				
Swine	→	→	→	→	RELEASE				

**TABLE A-1-3 Bouillon Cubes or Granules and Dry Soup Mixes in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail  
 (continued)**

If the importation is a:	And Contains:	And is:	And the country/ region of origin is:	And the importation is:	And:	Then:
Large quantity						1. CONSIDER the importation on a commercial shipment. 2. USE the <i>Reference</i> section to determine the appropriate regulatory action to take.

- 1 In Regionalized countries, only VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). See page A-1-17 for a list of regionalized countries with HPAI (H5N1)-affected regions identified.
- 2 The strongest confirmation is documentation (labeling, commercial name, receipts, and your own expertise). **Do not** necessarily take an individual's word for the origin of the product.
- 3 Currently Canada is the **only** country designated at minimal risk for BSE.

## Importations of Milk and Other Dairy Products in Passenger Baggage

The majority of milk and dairy products from FMD-free countries are restricted, and therefore **must** be accompanied by proof of origin (package label, written documentation, proof of travel (passport or travel itinerary), origin of flight, receipt of sale, CBP document (based on the officer’s interview of the traveler), or a certificate).



Milk and dairy products from FMD-S/R regions are regulated the same as milk and dairy products from FMD-free countries, as FMD S/R applies only to meat and meat products.

The majority of milk products from FMD-affected countries are prohibited; however, there are some exceptions, as follows:

- ◆ Liquid milk and milk products intended for use by infants or very young children are admissible if in a reasonable or small quantity for several days’ use
- ◆ Products containing powdered or dry milk that are obviously for human use (soup mixes, drink mixes, baking mixes, baby/infant formula, and similar products) that are in small quantity and prepackaged, labeled in individual serving packages, normal retail-size packages, or packed for distribution in institutional sizes

For all other milk and dairy products, regulate the shipment as a commercial entry. See [Milk and Milk Products on page 3-14-1](#).

## Irish Pork Purchased at Dublin and Shannon Airport

TABLE A-1-4 Irish Pork Purchased at Dublin and Shannon Airports

If the pork:	And is:	Then:
Is accompanied by a copy of the Republic of Ireland’s Meat and Meat Products for Export to the USA Certificate and an original cash register receipt	From an approved plant <sup>1</sup>	RELEASE
	<b>Not</b> from an approved plant	REFUSE ENTRY
<b>Lacks</b> either the certificate or the original receipt	→	

<sup>1</sup> These are the only plants approved to sell pork products to the duty-free shops for export to the United States:

- ◆ 0332/P 0332: Queally Pig Slaughtering Ltd., trading as Dawn Pork and Bacon
- ◆ 0355/P 0355: Avonmore Foods Plc., trading as Irish County Meats Roscrea

## Pork Skins or Rinds (Chicharrones)

Cooked pork skins or rinds (called chicharrones in Spanish) are admissible if, upon inspection, you determine that they have been thoroughly cooked. The pork skins or rinds **must** be crisp. They should crumble or break easily when bent.

TABLE A-1-5 Pork Skins or Rinds (Chicharrones)

If:	And:	Then:
Pork rinds or skins	Are <b>thoroughly</b> cooked to a crispness and break easily when bent	RELEASE
	<b>Do not</b> appear to have been thoroughly cooked as evidenced by <b>not</b> breaking easily when bent	REFUSE ENTRY

## Pork in Cooked, Prepared Food from Mexico

TABLE A-1-6 Cooked, Prepared Food Containing Pork from Mexico in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail

If entering at a:	And the pork is:	And in:	Then:
Land border port	<b>Thoroughly</b> cooked throughout (like carnitas, cooked meat in sandwiches, empanadas, tamales, and tacos)	Small quantities <sup>1</sup> (like a day's lunch) for personal use when accompanying the person	RELEASE
		Larger quantities (in passenger's baggage, more than a day's lunch, or a commercial shipment)	1. SEIZE the product 2. If appropriate, ISSUE a civil penalty (spot settlement)
	<b>Not</b> thoroughly cooked, uncooked, or cured and dried	—————▶	
<b>Other than</b> at a land border port	—————▶		

1 As a guideline for small quantities for a day's lunch, use quantities of up to 6 tacos or 6 empanadas per person, or up to 1 dozen tamales per person, or an equivalent combination of tacos, empanadas, tamales, carnitas, etc., per person. These are guidelines **only** and specific amounts are to be determined by the CBP Agriculture Specialist/CBP Officer clearing the passenger.

## Carcasses of Game Birds



**Never** handle unpackaged carcasses of game birds in passenger baggage when the carcasses are from Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic<sup>1</sup>, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sudan, Sweden<sup>1</sup>, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, or Vietnam. You risk contracting exotic strains of avian influenza. (Country listing will be updated as country status changes.)


- 1 Regionalized country. **Only** VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). The areas in regionalized countries **NOT** listed in the VS-restricted zone are considered free from HPAI (H5N1). The VS defined areas follow: Czech Republic (regions (kraj) of Kralovehradecky and Pardubicky **ONLY**), Sweden (Kalmar county **ONLY**). Contact your local PPQ-VRS-AQI Veterinarian or a PPQ-VRS-HQ Staff Veterinarian for current information on VS-defined areas for regionalized countries.

TABLE A-1-7 Carcasses of Game Birds in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail

If the passenger is arriving from a country known to be:	And the bird:	And the importation is:	Then:
Affected with HPAI (H5N1) <b>only</b>		Accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
		Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END		Accompanied by a VS permit	RELEASE
		Lacks a VS permit	REFUSE ENTRY
Affected with END <b>only</b>	Has been eviscerated (gutted) and the feet and head have been removed and has intact feathers on one wing		RELEASE
		Consigned to an approved establishment	AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS 16-78 (see <a href="#">Appendix K</a> to complete the form)
		Not consigned to an approved establishment	1. <b>DO NOT</b> RELEASE the HOLD 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see <a href="#">Table 2-2-11</a> )
Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END			RELEASE

## Birds' Nests

TABLE A-1-8 Birds' Nests in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail

If the birds' nests are:	And the country of origin is known to be:	And the birds' nests:	Then:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Edible</li> <li>◆ Inedible</li> </ul>	Affected with HPAI (H5N1) <b>only</b>	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
	Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END	→	REFUSE ENTRY	
	Affected with END <b>only</b>	Are accompanied by a manufacturer's statement <sup>1</sup>	 <b>Important</b>	The importation may be subject to plant regulations.
		Lack the appropriate statement <sup>1</sup>		REFUSE ENTRY
	Free of both HPAI (H5N1) and END	→	RELEASE	

<sup>1</sup> A manufacturer's statement indicating that the birds' nests were heated to a minimum internal temperature of 161°F (72°C).

## Moon Cakes

Moon cakes containing meat are **prohibited** in passenger baggage.



**Never** open packages of egg products when those eggs are from Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic<sup>1</sup>, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sudan, Sweden<sup>1</sup>, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, or Vietnam. You risk contracting exotic strains of avian influenza. (Country listing will be updated as country status changes.)

- <sup>1</sup> Regionalized country. **Only** VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). The areas in regionalized countries **NOT** listed in the VS-restricted zone are considered free from HPAI (H5N1). The VS defined areas follow: Czech Republic (regions (kraj) of Kralovehradecky and Pardubicky **ONLY**), Sweden (Kalmar county **ONLY**). Contact your local PPQ-VRS-AQI Veterinarian or a PPQ-VRS-HQ Staff Veterinarian for current information on VS-defined areas for regionalized countries.

TABLE A-1-9 Moon Cakes in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail

If the product is:	And the product:	And from a country known to be:	Then:
Moon cake	Contains raw or partially cooked egg/egg yolk	Affected with HPAI (H5N1) <b>only</b>	REFUSE ENTRY
		Affected with HPAI (H5N1) in combination with END	REFUSE ENTRY
		Affected with END <b>only</b>	REFUSE ENTRY
		Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END	RELEASE
	Contains solid egg/egg yolk	Affected with HPAI (H5N1) <b>only</b>	REFUSE ENTRY
		Affected with HPAI (H5N1) and END	REFUSE ENTRY
		Affected with END <b>only</b>	RELEASE
		Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END	RELEASE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Has a picture of egg on the outer packaging</li> <li>◆ <b>Does not</b> have a picture of an egg on the outer packaging and you <b>cannot</b> determine the absence of egg</li> </ul>	Affected with HPAI (H5N1) <b>only</b>	REFUSE ENTRY
		Affected with HPAI (H5N1) and END	REFUSE ENTRY
		Affected with END <b>only</b>	Inspect product to determine if moon cake contains raw, pasty or partially cooked egg/egg yolk or if moon cake contains solid egg/egg yolk
		Free from HPAI (H5N1) and END	RELEASE
	Contains egg that was mixed into the cake batter and thoroughly baked and is listed as an ingredient on the packaging	→	RELEASE
	Contains meat	→	REFUSE ENTRY
<b>Does not</b> contain egg or meat	→	RELEASE	

## Matrix Definitions of Abbreviations, Regions, and Headings

**Africa**—Includes Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Congo (Republic of), Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Republic of South Africa, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Western Sahara, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, and Togo are listed separately.

**APHIS-defined EU CSF region**—The European Union Member States of Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and Northern Ireland). The APHIS-defined EU CSF region is a single region of low risk for CSF.

**ASF**—African swine fever.

**BSE**—Bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

**Central America**—Includes El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama are listed separately.

**CSF**—Classical swine fever (also known as hog cholera).

**CSF/SR**—Classical swine fever free with special requirements to apply. Applies **only** to meat, meat products and edible meat by-products.

**Cured and dried**—If the cured and dried meat is coming from a country affected with diseases of concern, then the meat requires official certification; however, noncommercial shipments being given a certificate from the exporting country is unlikely. If you do encounter meat accompanied by a valid certificate, then handle the meat as if the meat were a commercial shipment. Use the *Reference* section for meat in this manual.

**END**—Exotic Newcastle disease.

**END/SR**—Exotic Newcastle disease free with special requirements to apply. Applies **only** to meat, meat products and edible meat by-products.

**Eggs**—Never crack, break open, or puncture eggs from countries affected with HPAI (H5N1); however, if the importation is cooked or boiled eggs from a country that is **not** affected with HPAI (H5N1), then crack a random sample or puncture the contents of a random sample to verify that there are **no** viable embryos.

**FMD**—Foot-and-mouth disease.

**FMD/SR**—Foot-and-mouth disease free with special requirements to apply. Applies **only** to meat, meat products and edible meat by-products.

**HPAI (H5N1)**— Highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N1. The following countries are affected with HPAI (H5N1): Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Czech Republic<sup>2</sup>, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Autonomous Territories, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sudan, Sweden<sup>2</sup>, Thailand, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, or Vietnam. (Country listing will be updated as country status changes.)

**South America**—Includes Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Argentina, Brazil, Chile, French Guiana, Guyana, and Suriname are listed separately.

**SVD**—Swine vesicular disease.

**SVD/SR**—Swine vesicular disease free with special requirements to apply. Applies **only** to meat, meat products and edible meat by-products.

**United Kingdom**—England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland are listed separately.

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2 Regionalized country. **Only** VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). The areas in regionalized countries **NOT** listed in the VS-restricted zone are considered free from HPAI (H5N1). The VS defined areas follow: Czech Republic (regions (kraj) of Kralovehradecky and Pardubicky ONLY), Sweden (Kalmar county ONLY). Contact your local PPQ-VRS-AQI Veterinarian or a PPQ-VRS-HQ Staff Veterinarian for current information on VS-defined areas for regionalized countries.

## Matrix Legend

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### **E**

The importation is admissible with adequate proof of origin. Adequate proof of origin (APO) is documentary evidence of where an animal product comes from. Examples include meat inspection certificate, certificate of origin, bill of lading, invoice, label, or document on official letterhead prepared by the manufacturer, shipper, or seller.

### **P**

Prohibit the entry of the importation.

### **O**

Abbreviations within parentheses indicate Dependent States and the country of their dependence.

#### **EXAMPLE**

The entry for Bonaire a Dependent State of The Netherlands is Bonaire (Netherlands).

### **X**

Disease status is known to be present in the region or country.

## Matrix

Region or Country	Disease Status										Ruminant			Swine			Poultry/Eggs			
	ASF	BSE	CSF	CSF/SR	END	END/SR	FMD	FMD/SR	HPAI (H5N1)	SVD	SVD/SR	Cooked, Perishable	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Preserved Eggs
Afghanistan			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Africa (except Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, and Togo)	X		X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Albania		X	X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Anguilla (United Kingdom)		X						X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Antigua and Barbuda			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Argentina			X			X	X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Armenia	X		X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Aruba (Dependent State of the Netherlands)		X	X		X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Australia												E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Austria		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Azerbaijan			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bahamas			X		X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bahrain			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Bangladesh			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Barbados			X		X					X		E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Belarus			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Belgium		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Belize			X		X							E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Benin	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Region or Country	Disease Status										Ruminant			Swine			Poultry/Eggs			
	ASF	BSE	CSF	CSF/SR	END	END/SR	FMD	FMD/SR	HPAI (H5N1)	SVD	SVD/SR	Cooked, Perishable	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Preserved Eggs
Bermuda (Dependent State of the United Kingdom)		X					<sup>2</sup>			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Bhutan			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Bonaire (The Netherlands)		X	X		X		X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		X	X		X		X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Brazil	X		X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Brunei Darussalam			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Bulgaria		X	X		X		X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Burkina Faso	X		X		X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Burma	SEE <a href="#">Myanmar (Burma)</a>																			
Cambodia			X		X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cameroon	X		X		X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Canada		X									E <sup>3</sup>	E <sup>3</sup>	E <sup>3</sup>	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Cayman Islands (Dependent State of the United Kingdom)		X	X				X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Central America (except Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama)			X		X						E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Channel Islands (Dependent State of the United Kingdom)		X	X				X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Chile				X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
China, Peoples Republic of			X		X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	X		X		X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Costa Rica			X								E	E	E	P	P	P	E	E	E	

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	ASF	BSE	CSF	CSF/SR	END	END/SR	FMD	FMD/SR	HPAI (H5N1)	SVD	SVD/SR	Cooked, Perishable	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Preserved Eggs
Croatia		X	X		X		X				X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Cuba	All agricultural products are embargoed.																			
Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles)		X	X	X	X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Cyprus			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Czech Republic		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X			X	<sup>4</sup>		X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E <sup>4</sup>	P	P
Denmark		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Djibouti	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dominica			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Dominican Republic			X		X							E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Egypt	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
England		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Estonia			X		X			X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Fiji												E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Finland		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X				P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
France		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
French Guiana (Dependent State of France)		X	X								X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Georgia	X		X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Germany, Republic of		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Ghana	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales)	See the respective countries listed separately in Figure A-1-1 (this table).																			
Greece		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Greenland (Dependent State of Denmark)			X		X							E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Grenada			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

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	ASF	BSE	CSF	CSF/SR	END	END/SR	FMD	FMD/SR	HPAI (H5N1)	SVD	SVD/SR	Cooked, Perishable	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Preserved Eggs
Guadeloupe (Dependent State of France)		X	X				X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Guyana			X		X		X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Haiti	X		X		X						E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Hong Kong (Administrative Area of China)			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Hungary		X	X		X		X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Iceland											E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
India			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Indonesia			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Iran, Islamic Republic of			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Iraq			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Ireland, Northern		X	X <sup>1</sup>				X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Ireland, Republic of		X	X <sup>1</sup>				X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Isle of Man		X	X <sup>1</sup>				X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	
Israel		X	X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Italy	X <sup>5</sup>	X	X <sup>1</sup>		X		X		X <sup>6</sup>	X <sup>6</sup>	P	P	P	P <sup>7</sup>	P	P	E	P	P	
Ivory Coast	SEE <i>Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)</i>																			
Jamaica			X		X				X		E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Japan		X	X		X		X	X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Jordan			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kazakhstan			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of (North Korea)			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
Korea, Republic of (South Korea)			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kuwait			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kyrgyzstan			X		X		X		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	

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Laos, People's Democratic Republic (Lao)			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Latvia			X <sup>1</sup>		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Lebanon			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Lithuania			X <sup>1</sup>		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Luxembourg		X	X <sup>1</sup>				X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Macau (Special Administrative Region of China)			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Macedonia (former Republic of Yugoslav)		X	X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Malaysia			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maldives			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Malta	X		X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Margarita Island (Venezuela)			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Martinique (Dependent State of France)		X	X					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Mexico			X <sup>8</sup>	X <sup>8</sup>	X <sup>9</sup>	X <sup>9</sup>						E	E	E	P	P <sup>10</sup>	P	E	P	P
Micronesia, Federated States of			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Moldova			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Mongolia			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Montenegro	SEE <a href="#">Serbia and Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia)</a>																			
Montserrat (Dependent State of the United Kingdom)		X	X					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Myanmar (Burma)			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Namibia	X		X		X		X <sup>11</sup>	X <sup>11</sup>		X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Nepal			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Netherlands, The		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

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	ASF	BSE	CSF	CSF/SR	END	END/SR	FMD	FMD/SR	HPAI (H5N1)	SVD	SVD/SR	Cooked, Perishable	Cured and Dried	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cured & Dried	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Cooked, Perishable	Fresh (Chilled or Frozen)	Preserved Eggs
New Zealand												E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Niger	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nigeria	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Northern Ireland		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Norway		X			X		X					P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Oman		X	X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Pakistan			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Palestinian Autonomous Territories		X	X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Panama			X		X							E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
Philippines			X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Poland		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Portugal		X	X <sup>1</sup>		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Qatar			X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Romania (Rumania)		X	X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Russian Federation			X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Saba (Dependent State of The Netherlands)		X	X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Barthelemy (Dependent State of France)		X	X				X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Saint Eustatius (Dependent State of The Netherlands)		X	X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Kitts (Saint Christopher) and Nevis			X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Lucia			X		X		X		X			P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint Martin, Northern (France)		X	X				X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E

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Saint Martin, Southern (The Netherlands)		X	X		X			X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saint-Pierre and Miquelon (France)		X	X								X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Saudi Arabia			X		X		X	X	X			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Scotland		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Serbia and Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia)		X	X		X		X				X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Singapore			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Slovak Republic		X	X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
South America (except Argentina, Brazil, Chile, French Guiana, and Suriname)			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Spain		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P <sup>12</sup>	P	P	E	E	E
Sri Lanka			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Sudan	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Suriname			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Svalbard and Jan Mayan (Territories of Norway)		X	X		X			X				P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Sweden		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X	<sup>4</sup>			P	P	P	P	P	P	E <sup>4</sup>	P	P
Switzerland		X	X					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E
Syrian Arab Republic (Syria)			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Tajikistan			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Taiwan, Province of China			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Thailand			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Togo	X		X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Trinidad and Tobago			X		X					X		E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Trust Territories of the Pacific					X																
Turkey			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Turkmenistan			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Turks and Caicos Islands (Dependent State of United Kingdom)		X	X					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E
Ukraine			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
United Arab Emirates			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
United Kingdom: Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales) and Northern Ireland	See the respective countries listed separately in Figure A-1-1 (this table).																				
Uzbekistan			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Vietnam			X		X		X		X	X		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Virgin Islands, British (Dependent State of United Kingdom)		X						X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E
Wales		X	X <sup>1</sup>					X			X	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E
Yemen			X		X		X			X		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Yugoslavia	SEE <a href="#">Serbia and Montenegro (formerly Yugoslavia)</a>																				

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- 1 One of the European Union- Member States of the "APHIS-defined EU CSF region". The "APHIS-defined EU CSF region" is a single region of low risk for CSF. The APHIS-defined EU CSF region is comprised of the European Union Member States of Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, and Northern Ireland)
- 2 Bermuda, a Dependent State of the United Kingdom, is FMD-free.

- 3 Ruminant material **other than** ovine and caprine is enterable in passenger baggage and mail (i.e., bovine, camelid and cervid are enterable). Personal use amounts of bovine meat or foods containing bovine meat or meat products (e.g., beef, veal, bison) are allowed in passenger baggage and mail, no import permit or other documentation is required; this includes pet food.
- 4 Regionalized country. **Only** VS-defined areas are considered to be affected with HPAI (H5N1). The areas in regionalized countries **NOT** listed in the VS-restricted zone are considered free from HPAI (H5N1). The VS defined areas follow: Czech Republic (regions (kraj) of Kralovehradecky and Pardubicky ONLY), Sweden (Kalmar county ONLY). Contact your local PPQ-VRS-AQI Veterinarian or a PPQ-VRS-HQ Staff Veterinarian for current information on VS-defined areas for regionalized countries. Unprocessed avian products from HPAI-regionalized countries will not be permitted to enter. Processed avian products (such as pate or soup mix) not labeled as being from HPAI (H5N1) affected areas of regionalized countries may enter. processed avian products from regionalized countries labeled as being from zones affected with HPAI (H5N1) will be allowed to enter if accompanied by a VS import permit and appropriate certification. Processed and/or unprocessed avian products from other HPAI (H5N1)-affected countries (i.e. affected with HPAI (H5N1), but not regionalized), will not be permitted to enter.
- 5 The Island of Sardinia is still ASF-affected.
- 6 Most of Italy is SVD-affected, **except** the Regions of Friuli, Liguria, Marche, and Valle d'Aosta which are SVD/SR.
- 7 If a Parma ham, go to [Table 3-13-20](#).
- 8 Most of Mexico is CSF-affected, **except** the States of Baja California, Baja California Sur, Campeche, Chihuahua, Nayarit, Quintana Roo, Sinaloa, Sonora, and Yucatan which are CSF/SR.
- 9 Most of Mexico is END-affected, except the States of Campeche, Quintana Roo, and Yucatan which are END/SR.
- 10 If small quantities for personal use when accompanying the person, go to [Table A-1-6, "Cooked, Prepared Food Containing Pork from Mexico in Passenger Baggage or Personal Mail,"](#) on [page A-1-11](#).
- 11 Most of Namibia is FMD/SR, **except** the area north of the Veterinary Cordon Fence which is FMD-affected.
- 12 If a Serrano ham, Iberian ham, Iberian pork shoulder, or an Iberian pork loin, go to [Table 3-13-21](#).

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## Medications in Passenger Baggage

When medications are declared or found in passenger baggage, follow the guidelines on the CBP Web site at [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/prohibited\\_restricted.xml#Medication](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/prohibited_restricted.xml#Medication).

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## Shell Eggs, Empty in Passenger Baggage or Mail

Empty egg shells in passenger baggage or mail may be decorated, etched, natural, or painted. To regulate empty egg shells arriving in passenger baggage or mail, see [Table 3-6-3 on page 3-6-5](#).

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## Special Guidelines for Wild Game Meat and Hunting Trophies from Canada

### Hunted, Wild Game Meat from Canada

These guidelines are solely for game meat of wild bovine (cattle, buffalo, bison, and yak), ovine (sheep) and caprine (goats), including mountain goats, mountain sheep, and musk ox hunted in Canada for the hunter's own personal use.

If accompanied by a valid hunting license, then wild cervids (caribou, deer, elk, moose) are unrestricted. Continue to **Table A-1-10**.



Important

If the meat is shipped by mail, then the required documentation **must** be included with the other shipping documents (U.S. Customs Declaration or invoice).

TABLE A-1-10 Hunted, Wild Game Meat from Canada

If the wild ruminant is:	If the meat imported is:	And is:	And:	Then:	
◆ Bovine (bison, buffalo, cattle yak)	◆ Fresh or fresh frozen dressed carcass <sup>1</sup> ◆ Fresh or fresh-frozen meat, with or <b>without</b> bone ◆ Fresh ground or fresh-ground frozen sausage ◆ Cooked or cured and dried (includes jerked meat and cured or dried sausages)	Hunter harvested	Is appropriately documented <sup>2</sup> <b>Lacks</b> appropriate documentation <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY	
		Farmed, hunter-harvested	Is appropriately documented <sup>3</sup> <b>Lacks</b> appropriate documentation <sup>3</sup>	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY	
			Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1 <b>Lacks</b> the required CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY	
		<b>Not</b> as identified in the cells above	→	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-1 <b>Lacks</b> the required CFIA Annex A-1	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY
	◆ Caprine (goat, Musk ox) ◆ Ovine (sheep)	◆ Fresh or fresh frozen whole, dressed carcass <sup>1</sup> ◆ Fresh or fresh-frozen meat, with or <b>without</b> bone ◆ Fresh ground or fresh-ground frozen sausage ◆ Cooked or cured and dried (includes jerked meat and cured or dried sausages)	Hunter harvested	Is appropriately documented <sup>2</sup> <b>Lacks</b> appropriate documentation <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY
			Farmed, hunter-harvested	Is appropriately documented <sup>3</sup> <b>Lacks</b> appropriate documentation <sup>3</sup>	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY
Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2 <b>Lacks</b> the required CFIA Annex A-2				RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY	
<b>Not</b> as identified in the cells above			→	Is accompanied by CFIA Annex A-2 <b>Lacks</b> the required CFIA Annex A-2	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY
Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose)		→	Is accompanied by proof of species <sup>4</sup> <b>Lacks</b> proof of species <sup>4</sup>	RELEASE REFUSE ENTRY	

1 **Must** be free of the intact head or head parts (brain, eyes, tongue, etc.) and viscera (for example: heart, intestines, kidney, liver, lymph nodes, pancreas, thymus).

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- 2 Appropriate documentation means a Canadian-issued, valid hunting license or tag, a photocopy of the license or tag, that the hunter presents to the U.S. CBP official. A VS special permit is **no** longer needed.
- 3 Appropriate documentation means a Canadian-issued, valid hunting license or tag, a photocopy of the license or tag, or the equivalent, that the hunter presents to the US CBP official. VS defines equivalent as being a letter from the game farm.
- 4 The strongest confirmation for proof of species is documentation (labeling, receipt from processing facility) and your own expertise. **Do not** necessarily take the individual's word for the origin of the product.

### Hunting Trophies from Canada

These guidelines are solely for trophies of free-ranging and farmed wild ovine and caprine, including mountain goats, mountain sheep, and musk ox hunted in Canada.

Trophies from cervids (caribou, deer, elk, and moose) and non-ruminant animals (bears, boas, mountain lions, and wolves) hunted in Canada are unrestricted. Continue to [Table A-1-11](#).

TABLE A-1-11 Free-Ranging and Farmed Wild Hunting Trophies from Canada

If the trophy is:	And is:	And is:	And:	And:	And the quantity imported:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Bovine</li> <li>◆ Ovine</li> <li>◆ Caprine</li> </ul>	Fully taxidermy finished <sup>1</sup>	—————→				RELEASE
		Horns , with or <b>without</b> skull caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Are free of skull cap</li> <li>◆ Skull cap is present and free of brain tissue</li> </ul>	A maximum of two sets of horns	—————→	RELEASE
	More than two sets of horns			Corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE	
				<b>Exceeds</b> the number authorized by the hunting license <sup>2</sup>	REFUSE ENTRY to excess <sup>3</sup>	
	Are attached to an intact head and brain tissue present		—————→	REFUSE ENTRY		
	Are attached to a skull cap and brain tissue is present		—————→	REFUSE ENTRY		

TABLE A-1-11 Free-Ranging and Farmed Wild Hunting Trophies from Canada (continued)

If the trophy is:	And is:	And is:	And:	And:	And the quantity imported:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Bovine</li> <li>◆ Ovine</li> <li>◆ Caprine</li> </ul>	Not fully taxidermy finished <sup>1</sup>	Bones, including skulls with or <b>without</b> horns	Are clean, dry and free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, <b>and</b> offered for entry as trophies <sup>4</sup> <b>or</b> are offered for consignment to a museum	A maximum of two skulls or bones	→	RELEASE
				More than two skulls or bones	Corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE
					<b>Exceeds</b> the number authorized by the hunting license <sup>2</sup>	REFUSE ENTRY to excess <sup>3</sup>
			Are <b>not</b> clean, <b>not</b> dry and <b>not</b> free from undried pieces of flesh, hide, and sinew, <b>not</b> offered for entry as trophies <sup>4</sup> <b>and</b> <b>not</b> offered for consignment to a museum	→	Consigned to an approved establishment <sup>5</sup>	AUTHORIZE shipment under seal with VS 16-78 (see <a href="#">Appendix K</a> to complete the form)
				<b>Not</b> consigned to an approved establishment <sup>5</sup>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>DO NOT</b> RELEASE the HOLD</li> <li>2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options (see <a href="#">Table 2-2-11</a>)</li> </ol>	
		Hides, skins or capes <sup>6</sup>	Head is attached	Skull and contents have been removed	→	RELEASE
					Skull and contents are present	→
				Head is <b>not</b> attached	→	RELEASE

**TABLE A-1-11 Free-Ranging and Farmed Wild Hunting Trophies from Canada (continued)**

If the trophy is:	And is:	And is:	And:	And:	And the quantity imported:	Then:
◆ Camelid	—————→					RELEASE
◆ Cervid (caribou, deer, elk, moose, and reindeer)	—————→			A maximum of two sets		RELEASE
				More than two sets	Corresponds to the number authorized by the hunting license <sup>7</sup>	RELEASE
				Exceeds the number authorized by the hunting license <sup>7</sup>	REFUSE ENTRY to excess <sup>8</sup>	

- 1 USDA, APHIS regulations allow for the **unrestricted entry** of fully taxidermy finished trophies. Fully taxidermy finished trophies are those trophies that have been professionally cleaned (free of dirt, blood, insects, putrid odors, etc.) and processed. Fully taxidermy finished trophies have been professionally prepared (may be stuffed and/or mounted) for the purpose of personal exhibition.
- 2 A copy of the importer’s hunting license/permit or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from Canada. The license/permit or other documentation must be issued by the Canadian government (at the Provincial, Tribal or CFIA level), and not by the outfitter. This document should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of Canadian origin, non-cervid ruminant bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the **Bones and Related By-Products** Section as a shipment of commercial bones.
- 3 If a party of three hunters has a total of horns or skulls that matches the number allowed on the hunter’s combined licenses, then these horns or skulls are authorized entry. (For example, if the number allowed on each license is two, then a combined total of six horns or skulls may be authorized entry for the three hunters.) However, if the total number of horns and skulls exceeds the number allowed on the hunter’s combined licenses, then **prohibit** entry to the excess amount. If the hunters will **not** volunteer which hunter has the extra skull(s), then **prohibit** entry on the entire shipment. A VS special permit is **no** longer required.
- 4 USDA defines trophies as, the bones (including skulls, antlers, teeth, horns, and hoofs) of an animal carcass that can be used as a remembrance or souvenir of "the hunt" that are for personal use only. A copy of the importer’s hunting license/permit, or other documentation that clearly demonstrates lawful possession of the trophy from the country of origin must be issued by the foreign government (at the Federal, Regional, or Department level), not by the outfitter. This documentation must be in English or must be accompanied by a government endorsed English translation. This documentation should identify the animal species and, if applicable, indicate the quantity of animals allowed to be hunted. USDA limits the quantity of bone trophies allowed to be imported to those taken from 2 animals unless a greater quantity is authorized by the hunting license/permit or other documentation as indicated above. Bone trophies that do not meet the above conditions will be regulated in the **Bones and Related By-Products** Section as a shipment of commercial bones.
- 5 USDA regulates antlers and other bony trophies for other diseases, such as anthrax.
- 6 The cape is the pelt from the head, neck, and forepart of the shoulders of the animal used for mounting as a trophy.
- 7 USDA has not imposed any restrictions on cervid trophies from Canada because of BSE. Hunters may import cervid trophies that were hunted in Canada without restriction. Hunters should have documentation that demonstrates proof of Canadian origin for their cervid trophies (i.e. Canadian hunting license/permit [Provincial, Tribal, or CFIA issued]. Game Farm receipt, Outfitter receipt, or other documentation provided by the Game farm or Outfitter, etc.).

- 8 If a party of three hunters has a total of racks (1 pair of antlers = 1 rack) that matches the number allowed on the hunter's combined licenses, then these racks are authorized entry. (For example, if the number allowed on each license is two, then a combined total of six racks may be authorized entry for the three hunters.) However, if the total number of racks exceeds the number allowed on the hunter's combined licenses, then **prohibit** entry to the excess amount. If the hunters will **not** volunteer which hunter has the extra rack(s), then **prohibit** entry on the entire shipment. A VS special permit is **no** longer required.

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### Personal Use amounts of Canadian bovine meat or foods containing bovine meat or meat products (including pet foods)

The following products from Canada will be allowed in passenger baggage and mail: Personal use amounts of bovine meat or foods containing bovine meat or meat products (beef, including veal or bison), no import permit or other documentation is required; this includes pet food.

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### Personal Use amounts of Equine meat or foods containing equine meat or meat products

Personal use amounts of equine meat or meat products that is commercially packaged and labeled will be allowed in passenger baggage and mail: no import permit or other documentation is required.

