

40-13-2-.15 Poultry.

(1) All poultry including but not limited to hatching eggs, chicks, poults, and poultry breeding stock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or an official National Poultry Improvement Plan (N.P.I.P.) Form 9-3. A copy of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection should be sent to the State Veterinarian of Georgia, Agriculture Building, Capitol Square, and Atlanta, Georgia 30334. A copy of the N.P.I.P. Form 9-3 should be sent to the Georgia Poultry Laboratory, P.O. Box 148, Oakwood, Georgia 30566.

(2) Poultry not participating in the control phase of the N.P.I.P. must be tested negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within thirty (30) days prior to entering Georgia. Hatching eggs or unfed and unwatered poultry may enter Georgia provided the breeder flock from which they originated was tested negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within the past thirty (30) days.

(3) All domestic quail, pheasants, and pigeons not participating in the N.P.I.P. must be tested negative for pullorum-typhoid disease within thirty (30) days prior to entering Georgia. Homing pigeons entering Georgia only for competition are exempt from the pullorum-typhoid test requirements.

(4) The order Anseriforme, which includes waterfowl, is exempt from pullorum-typhoid requirements.

(5) Poultry vaccinated for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* may not be imported into the state of Georgia without prior written permission of the State Veterinarian. Permit request must be submitted in writing.

(6) Low Pathogenic H5 and H7 Avian Influenza Controls.

(a) For the purpose of this avian influenza control, the following definitions will apply:

1. "Poultry" means chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, peafowl, guineas, chukars and other partridge, grouse, ratites and waterfowl.

2. "Poultry products" means hatching eggs, chicks, poults, table eggs, litter, and offal but does not include processed poultry meat for human consumption.

3. "Flock affected with low pathogenic avian influenza" means the subtype H5 or H7 low pathogenic avian influenza virus has been diagnosed in that flock. A flock represents all birds on a premise.

4. "Low pathogenic avian influenza" means the detection of subtype H5 or H7 low pathogenic avian influenza virus as confirmed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

5. "State Control Zone (SCZ)" means a control zone within a State in which low pathogenic avian influenza virus has been diagnosed in commercial poultry and immediate containment has

taken place within an area that is at a minimum of six (6) miles in radius around the case or as defined by the affected State Initial Response and Control Plan. A SCZ will be considered to remain infected with low pathogenic avian influenza until the affected state has depopulated infected flocks and has had no new infection for at least thirty (30) days post depopulation (or three (3) consecutive rounds of testing ten (10) days apart with negative results).

6. “Cleaned and disinfected” means the item is free of visible organic matter and is disinfected with a disinfectant effective against Influenza virus.

7. “Contiguous State Business Continuity Control Zone (CSBCCZ)” means a control zone within a state sharing a border with Georgia that encompasses poultry companies doing daily business across state lines including transportation of feed and poultry products.

(b) No live poultry, including unfed baby chicks and hatching eggs, or poultry products originating from an SCZ, including non-commercial poultry, may enter Georgia for any purpose until the state has depopulated infected flocks and had no new infection for at least thirty (30) days post depopulation (or three (3) consecutive rounds of testing seven (7) to ten (10) days apart with negative results, following the affected State Response Plan. Live poultry, including baby chicks and hatching eggs, or poultry products originating from a CSBCCZ will follow procedures outlined in the Georgia (or contiguous state) Initial State Response and Containment Plan.

(c) Poultry originating from Georgia that have been transported to a SCZ that is affected with low pathogenic avian influenza shall not return to Georgia until such time as they have met the requirements outlined in Section 6 of this Rule.

(d) All vehicles associated with transporting poultry or poultry products from SCZs affected with avian influenza must be cleaned and disinfected prior to loading of poultry or poultry products. In addition, loaded vehicles shall also have tires, wheels, and undercarriage cleaned and disinfected a second time after leaving the premise and prior to entering Georgia. Vehicles used to transport poultry or poultry products that are empty must be completely cleaned and disinfected inside and outside prior to entering Georgia. A statement from the owner, manager, or agent verifying compliance with this requirement must be included on or attached to the USDA form 9-3 or CVI, if such documents are applicable.

(e) If the Georgia Department of Agriculture determines that a state affected with low pathogenic avian influenza poses a risk to Georgia poultry, then the Department may restrict the entry of poultry into Georgia for the purpose of being offered for sale, barter, exchange, or exhibition in any auction market, marketplace, fair, show, or other event where live poultry are customarily assembled in Georgia from multiple sources.

(f) Live poultry and poultry products imported into the State of Georgia shall meet all other import requirements required under Georgia Department of Agriculture Rule 40-13- 3-.07.

(g) This rule shall not be construed as limiting the Georgia Department of Agriculture's authority to establish additional quarantine or testing requirements on imported poultry or poultry products.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 4-4-1, 4-4-64, 4-4-65, 4-4-80, 4-4-83, and 4-7-6.