

Hong Kong suspended poultry products import from Mexico due to the outbreak of avian influenza

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On 12 July 2019, the Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong announced the suspension of chicken meat, eggs and other poultry products imports from the State of Guanajuato, Mexico, due to the outbreak of avian influenza. Hong Kong has not imported poultry meat from Mexico since the first quarter

The Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong announced the measure, with immediate effect, on their website after receiving a notification of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) about the outbreak of the highly pathogenic H7N3 avian influenza in the state of Guanajuato, in the central region of Mexico,

A spokesman of the Center for Food Security, dependent on the Department of Food and Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong said that the authorities have contacted the Mexican authorities about the problem and will follow closely the information released by the OIE about the outbreak situation. Hong Kong will take appropriate measures to respond to the development of the situation.

Hong Kong has established a protocol for poultry meat imports from Mexico, but not for eggs. However, according to official data, there were no imports from Hong Kong of Mexican poultry meat during the first quarter of this year.

This is not the first time that Hong Kong has imposed such measures. Previously, in March 2018, the Chinese autonomous region suspended imports of poultry and poultry-derived products such as eggs from Mexico, due to the outbreak of the disease in Guanajuato and Queretaro, in order to protect public health in the region.

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