Important Information Regarding Trade Bans on Various Products

I. Avian Influenza Bans

Japan currently prohibits the importation of certain poultry products from the below states, depending on the production dates. **Exporters should verify prior to shipment what certification statements are necessary.****

Most poultry products may not be exported from states noted in red below.

State	Ineligible Product- Production Date
Arkansas	Product produced on or after May 9, 2008 but before September 22, 2008.
California	Product produced on or after October 12, 2008 but before February 10, 2009.
Connecticut	Product produced prior to November 10, 2006
Delaware	Product produced prior to July 8, 2004
Idaho	Product produced on or after August 5, 2008 but before February 2, 2009.
Illinois	Product produced on or after March 26, 2009 but before February 9, 2010.
Kentucky	Product produced on or after March 10, 2009 but before October 22, 2009.
Maryland	Product produced prior to July 22, 2004
New Jersey	Product which is produced on or after January 16, 2008 but before October 29, 2008.
Pennsylvania	Product produced prior to November 10, 2006, and product after November 14, 2009 but before May 17, 2010.
Minnesota	Product produced on or after March 29, 2007 but before September 14, 2007; product produced after April 15, 2009 but before April 1, 2010; **product produced on or after April 18, 2011.**
Missouri	**Product produced on or after February 28, 2011.**
Nebraska	Product produced on or after May 23, 2007 but before November 30, 2007, and **product produced on or after March 15, 2011.**
North Carolina	**Product produced on or after February 9, 2011.**
New Hampshire	Product produced on or after July 8, 2008 but before February 2, 2009.
New York	Product produced prior to Feb 22, 2008; Product produced on or after April 11, 2008 but before January 15, 2009; Product produced on or after February 11, 2009 but before December 25, 2009.

South Dakota	Product produced May 24, 2007-October 11, 2007, and product produced October 17, 2007-March 20, 2008.
Rhode Island	Product produced prior to August 24, 2004
Tennessee	Product produced on or after April 7, 2009 but before December 25, 2009.
Texas	Product produced prior to October 7, 2004
Virginia	Product produced on or after June 15, 2007 but before November 11, 2007
West Virginia	Product produced between March 10, 2007 and August 2, 2007

****Most poultry products are believed to require certification statements that they did not transit (nor were stored in) "banned" states during the time periods identified above.**

Banned products include blown egg shells for ornamental purposes- even if the shells are disinfected or otherwise treated.

KNOWN EXCEPTIONS TO BAN-

- Finished, packaged, shelf-stable dry ("crunchy" or hermetically-sealed) pet food is not subject to these bans.
- Feathers (special certification required- may be required to be fumigated at port of entry).

II. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Bans

The only exceptions to the following bans are the items with protocols listed on the previous page (items that meet all requirements of those protocols).

All products derived from cattle, sheep, goats, & products are prohibited.

Also prohibited regardless of species of origin (these materials are prohibited import even if derived from animals other than ruminants): bone meal, meat meal, meat-and-bone meal, blood meal, blood products (other than those used for cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and specific research or experiment), skin meal (including leather meal), feather meal, hoof meal, horn meal, offal meal, hydrolyzed protein, fish meal, animal fat/oil, powdered animal fat/oil, greaves, dicalcium phosphate, gelatin, collagen, ossein, or any products containing these items which may be used as livestock feed or fertilizers. Spray dried meals and digests (liquid and dry) intended for the production of pet food are included in the ban (although finished pet food is generally exempt).

III. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Bans

Japan prohibits the importation of any US cervid products because of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This includes products of deer, elk, moose, and caribou.

The only product known to be exempt from the ban is fully tanned leather.

For very limited research purposes, Japan may issue a special permit depending on the product and conditions. The importer or exporter should contact Animal Quarantine Station and submit all the detailed information. The special permit is issued very rarely by Japan for prohibited materials for only limited occasions.

APHIS cannot issue an export certificate for cervid products to Japan unless a valid Japanese import permit (and an English translation) are provided to the issuing office at the time of endorsement.