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Avian Influenza Primary Control Zones (PCZ) in Multiple Provinces

The presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has now been confirmed in multiple backyard and commercial flocks in multiple provinces across Canada (as of April 27, in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick).

Where HPAI is confirmed, CFIA has established Primary Control Zones (PCZ). The PCZs have been established to prevent the spread of HPAI and will remain in place for an indefinite period. A key element of a PCZ is the strict control of all movements of domestic birds and poultry and egg products in, out and through the zone. Such movements now require a CFIA permit. Industry should regularly refer to the PCZ maps on the CFIA website. Note that the PCZs may include major highways and roads, including portions of Highway 401 in Ontario and Highway 2 in Alberta.

For the most up-to-date information on CFIA's response to HPAI in Canada, including a list of confirmed cases, PCZ maps and permits and movement permissions information by province, please visit: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/response-to-detections-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-/eng/1640207916497/1640207916934>.

Movement Control Permissions

CFIA is now issuing two types of movement control permits:

- Specific permits, for higher-risk activities such as the transportation of live poultry and ungraded eggs from farms; and
- General permits, for lower-risk activities such as the transportation of poultry and poultry products (fresh, frozen, processed and further processed), table eggs and egg products.

To determine which type of permit you need to move specific shipments, please refer to this interactive tool: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/movement-control-permissions/eng/1648871137667/1648871138011>.

For questions regarding a specific permit, industry is asked to reach out to the contacts listed at the link above.

While industry can also reach out to the contacts listed on the CFIA page for additional information on general permits, responses to some common questions are noted below:

1. Who requires a general permit?

General permits are required for movement in, out or through a PCZ, with some exceptions for retail and foodservice as detailed below. Movements that require a general permit include movements of poultry and egg products, by-products, equipment and diagnostic samples.

CFIA also clarified that general permits for poultry and egg products are only required when moving to another registered processing facility.

Anyone moving a product requiring a general permit must have a print or electronic copy of the general permit with the birds or other products being transported.

2. What are the general permit exceptions for movement of product to retail or foodservice?

General permits are not required for the movement of poultry and egg products to retail or foodservice.

CFIA's revised Appendix M document now includes the following clarification: "Personal use or domestic distribution of retail meat, meat products, fully cooked meat, table egg from grading station, egg product (including balut) and processed egg is exempt from permitting requirements."

3. Do consumers require a general permit?

Consumers do not require a general permit.

4. How do I get a general permit?

General permits can be obtained on a self-serve basis by clicking on the link at the bottom of this CFIA website and downloading the form: <https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/find-a-form/cfia-acia-5752/eng/1648996573435/1648996574373>. General permits can be used immediately after filling out the form and will be valid as long as the PCZs are in place.

5. How do I use a general permit for multiple addresses?

CFIA provided additional written clarification to CPEPC on whether general permits can refer to "Multiple Destinations" and to the Bill of Lading accompanying the goods instead of listing each destination, product carried and its weight. CFIA confirmed in writing that:

"The general permits may serve as a source of movement information should you become implicated in a disease investigation and should be maintained for such purposes. However, if another tracking system is in place to capture the details of relevant movements, a single permit can be used to capture movements to and from multiple origins and destinations, of multiple weights, etc. If no other system is in place

to track movements, a unique general permit is required for each unique movement. An appendix listing multiple origins and destinations is also an acceptable approach.”

6. If we use 3rd party carriers/conveyances, do they need their own permits?

This is a business decision. You may choose to have the movement under your permit, but then you are responsible for the 3rd party carriers/conveyances meeting the biocontainment requirements listed on the permit.

7. What are the biosecurity requirements for a general permit?

The permit includes the following statements: “The vehicle must be free of any visible contamination with mud, slurry, animal feces, excretions or other similar matter before arriving at a premise” and “If the vehicle is not visibly clean, it must proceed directly to a truck wash station before entering the premises.”

CFIA has clarified that trucks only need to proceed to the nearest truck or vehicle wash station when the truck has been on a poultry farm in a PCZ and it is visibly contaminated.

8. Does a single general permit allow me to move products across provincial borders or do I need separate permits for each province?

CFIA confirmed that for movements requiring general permits that have an origin and a destination in different provinces, a single general permit is sufficient.

For more information and additional questions

Please share this information internally and with your customers as required. People should also note that those receiving inquiries about HPAI can refer to the Health Canada website listed on the next page.

For questions, CPEPC members are invited to contact CPEPC staff (see next page for link to staff directory). Transportation services providers and retail, foodservice and industrial customers are invited to contact their poultry and egg suppliers for further information.

Links

- **CFIA – Detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Canada 2021-2022:**
<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/eng/1640207916497/1640207916934>
- **CFIA – Maps: Avian Influenza Primary Control Zones**
<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/avian-influenza-control-zones/eng/1648851134912/1648851359195>
- **CFIA – Avian Influenza movement control permissions:**
<https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/avian-influenza/detection-of-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-h5n/movement-control-permissions/eng/1648871137667/1648871138011>
- **CFIA – General Permit (PDF document for download):**
https://inspection.canada.ca/DAM/DAM-animals-animaux/STAGING/texte-texte/ai_permit_general_1648925403996_eng.pdf
- **Health Canada – Avian Influenza (Bird Flu): Minimizing Your Risks:**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/healthy-living/your-health/diseases/avian-influenza-bird-flu.html#mi>
- **CPEPC Staff Directory:**
<https://www.cpepc.ca/contact.html>