

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS NO. 15 OF 2024

**SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF POULTRY IMPORTS
FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA – USA**

The attention of all Importers is drawn to the notice from the Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal Production and Health Division, advising that **with effect from 24th April 2024, all avian and poultry imports from MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA via air or sea, are not approved for shipping to Trinidad and Tobago, until further notice.**

Avian and poultry consignments destined for Trinidad and Tobago are prohibited from transiting through a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) control zone. Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami (Seaport) have been identified as part of an HPAI control zone. The relevant departments listed in the attached notice will give separate consideration to any shipments already en route via sea.

Importers are to be guided accordingly.



Ms. Yasmin Harris
Comptroller of Customs & Excise (Ag)
Custom House, Port of Spain
Ref. No: C&E 3/16/1/1/2
Date: 29/04/24



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND FISHERIES

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER

ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH DIVISION
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April 25th, 2024

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that with effect from April 24th, 2024, ALL avian and poultry consignments to be imported into Trinidad and Tobago are NOT ALLOWED to transit through a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) control zone.

We regret to inform you that both Miami International Airport AND Port of Miami (Seaport) are part of an HPAI control zone as per the ongoing Miami-Dade HPAI county outbreak in a live bird sales premises.

Therefore, as of April 24th, 2024, all poultry and avian imports from Miami, Florida, USA via air or sea, are not approved for shipping to Trinidad and Tobago, until further notice.

Any shipments that were already en route via sea will be given separate consideration. Please reach out to us directly regarding these imports. We can be contacted via the following channels:

Department	Telephone	Email
National Animal Disease Centre	693-2910	nadcaph2013@gmail.com
Poultry Surveillance Unit	693-2910	psunadc2016@gmail.com
Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer	625-1473/5997	cvo@gov.tt

It is advised that alternative routes and ports of export be explored. Please note that these consignments must originate outside a control zone for HPAI as per our usual import conditions, but to reiterate, if they transit through a control zone, they will not be allowed entry into Trinidad and Tobago.

Further information on this outbreak can be accessed on the World Organization for Animal Health's (WOAH's) website under Ev01ent 4309; Follow up report 113; OB_134116 - MIAMI-DADE 03 - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. J. ...', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Chief Veterinary Officer