

Article by HTS note number	Annual supplementary quota (kilograms)
Austria	18,333
EC	58,333
Sweden	150,000
Switzerland	16,666
Czech Republic	400,000
Hungary	400,000

*Issuance of licenses and quota quantities are conditioned on completion of a bilateral memorandum of understanding between the Governments of the United States and Poland.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on April 21, 1995.
Richard E. Rominger,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.
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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 94

[Docket No. 94-107-2]

Switzerland; Change in Disease Status

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are declaring Switzerland free of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, and Exotic Newcastle disease (VVND). As part of this action, we are adding Switzerland to the lists of countries that, although declared free of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, and VVND, are subject to restrictions on meat and other animal products offered for importation into the United States. This rule removes the prohibition on the importation of ruminants and fresh, chilled, and frozen meat of ruminants into the United States from Switzerland, although those importations will be subject to certain restrictions. This rule also relieves certain prohibitions and restrictions on the importation, from Switzerland, of milk and milk products of ruminants and of certain poultry and poultry products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations)

govern the importation into the United States of specified animals and animal products in order to prevent the introduction into the United States of various animal diseases, including rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), and Exotic Newcastle disease (VVND). FMD and rinderpest are dangerous and destructive communicable diseases of ruminants and swine. VVND is a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease of poultry.

On February 2, 1995, we published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 6454-6456, Docket No. 94-107-1) a proposal to amend the regulations by adding Switzerland to the list in § 94.1(a)(2) of countries declared free of both rinderpest and FMD and to the list in § 94.6(a)(2) of countries declared free of VVND. In that document, we also proposed to add Switzerland to the list in § 94.11(a) of countries that, although declared free of rinderpest and FMD, are subject to special restrictions on the importation of their meat and other animal products into the United States.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending April 3, 1995. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the proposed rule still provide the basis for this final rule.

Therefore, based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule, we are adopting the provisions of the proposal as a final rule without change.

Effective Date

This is a substantive rule that relieves restrictions and, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553, may be made effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

This rule removes the prohibition on the importation of ruminants and fresh, chilled, and frozen meat of ruminants into the United States from Switzerland and relieves restrictions on the importation from Switzerland of milk and milk products of ruminants and certain poultry and poultry products. We have determined that approximately 2 weeks are needed to ensure that Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Service personnel at ports of entry receive official notice of this change in the regulations. Therefore, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this rule should be made effective 15 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

Executive Order 12866 and Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12866. For this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived its review process required by Executive Order 12866.

This final rule amends the regulations in part 94 by adding Switzerland to the list of countries declared free of rinderpest and FMD and to the list of countries declared free of VVND. This action will remove the prohibition on the importation of ruminants and fresh, chilled, and frozen meat of ruminants into the United States from Switzerland, although those importations will be subject to certain restrictions. This revision will also relieve restrictions on the importation from Switzerland of milk and milk products of ruminants and certain poultry and poultry products. This action will not relieve certain restrictions on the importation of live swine and fresh, chilled, and frozen meat of swine from Switzerland because Switzerland is still considered to be affected with hog cholera. Similarly, this action will not relieve certain restrictions on the importation from Switzerland, of ruminant meat and edible products from ruminants because bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) exists in Switzerland.

Based on available information, the Department does not anticipate a major increase in exports of ruminants and fresh, chilled, or frozen meat of ruminants or poultry from Switzerland into the United States as a result of this final rule.

The primary effects due of this change in the regulations will be limited to bovine meat and prepared products, since swine and swine products are excluded because of restrictions due to