

GOOD NEWS FROM CHINA, USA, EUROPE

1. China AQSIQ Releases Official Statement About Export of Down and Feathers

The Chinese government release an official statement dated 6 February 2004 at 7:22 pm. This statement outlines the re-starting of export of certain products previously placed on hold. This includes all washed feather and down and feather and down finished products. (Any bird product where processing insures that a consistent temperature of 70°C through the entire bird product for at least 1 minute can be exported – unless the importing country has a ban.)

We do not yet have an official English translation. For the Chinese document click to the official AQSIQ web site.

click here → [China AQSIQ Official Export Announcement](#)

2. Sterilized Down & Feathers Exempt from USA Ban on Birds from Asia

In a news release dated Wednesday February 4, 2004, USDA Secretary Ann M. Veneman and HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced a ban on importation of birds from eight Southeast Asian countries.

Sterilized Down and Feathers are exempt from this ban.

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3. What is the status of the EU ban on Asia imports of feather & down products?

We have not seen any official EU document. Mr. Düşop of the German Trade Association for Fibers, Feather and Hair has given the following guidelines about the import ban:

- A. Untreated feathers and feather parts from Southeast Asia are banned.
- B. Treated feathers which have been properly treated with heated steam or other treatment which insures that no illness can be transmitted can be imported.
- C. Finished down and feather products are not at all involved in the import ban into EU countries.

4. Can avian flu be transmitted via down and feather products?

NO, please see document “**Safety and Cleanliness of Down and Feather Products.**” & previous newsletters

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