

GOOD NEWS FROM JAPAN

1. Japan may again import down and feather products (including raw down).

This information is contained in the China AQSIQ Official Export Announcement.
The Japan Down Products Corporative Association states the following:

“Japan can import washed and unwashed (raw) down and feather all all countries of the world. We can also import all finished goods.” -- Japan Down Products Corporative Association

2. Status of China exports → NO CHANGE since yesterday (Exports are restarted!!)

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

3. Status in USA imports → NO CHANGE since yesterday. (Sterilized imports allowed!!)

See IDFL website and IDFL NEWSFLASH 32 and 33 for details

4. Status of EU imports → NO CHANGE since yesterday (Washed imports allowed!!!)

5. Are they inter-provincial transportation restrictions on feather and down in China?

NO, currently only localized restrictions exist in local areas where the avian flu is confirmed.

6. What about the recent discovery of avian flu in Delaware (USA) bird farms?

The avian flu discovered in Delaware is a different strain from the Asian flu. Avian flu has been confirmed in USA locations most every year for the past 10 years. Because avian flu is now on the news media list for “sensational” stories – every tidbit of information will be greatly exaggerated.

7. 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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