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John Herath 00:00
Mexico's pseudorabies-related restrictions on U.S. pork offal products have been fully lifted,. As U.S. Meat Export Federation Vice President of Economic Analysis Erin Borror explains, the temporary restrictions had a significant impact on U.S. pork exporters.

Erin Borror 00:15
It had been a really tremendous impact on the trade when you think about products like skins and jowls, snouts, stomach, tongues, hearts, and also any head items, cheeks-critically important items for the Mexican industry that relies on the U.S. as their dominant supplier of these products. But also obviously critically important for the U.S. industry, where Mexico is our number two variety meat market, second only to China. Every week that went by with these restrictions on U.S. offal exports to Mexico, we were looking at $6 million to $7 million per week in trade that was stopped.

John Herath 00:57
A backlog of U.S. pork variety meats can now be shipped to Mexico without restrictions,

Erin Borror 01:02
We had communicated repeatedly to U.S. government to make sure that they understood that it was absolutely essential for these "quote unquote" pipeline products to be able to be exported to Mexico. The really good news was that when Mexico lifted the restrictions, it was a clean lifting of those restrictions, and we greatly appreciate the efforts across USDA and, of course, led by APHIS, since these are animal health issues. We had actually a bit of a string of good news since the beginning of July, effectively, where Colombia lifted their restrictions, and there are a handful of others: Korea, Chile, where there were some limited off-all restrictions that have also been eliminated. A couple other countries with certificate language that should likely also be updated soon, and we can put this whole chapter behind us.

John Herath 01:56
For more, please visit USMEF.org. For the U.S. Meat Export Federation, I'm John Herath.

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