



## Indonesia lifts import restrictions on pork products

*Following interventions by the Commission, on 11 February 2010 Indonesia lifted all temporary import restrictions, imposed on pork products from EU Member States, based on measures due to pandemic H1/N1 influenza virus.*

In May 2009, Indonesia introduced a ban on imports of certain pork products from several Member States due to concerns about the pandemic H1/N1 virus. This was inconsistent with the earlier statement made by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) that there is no justification for imposing any trade measures on imports of animals and animal products due to this virus.

The EU raised this ban with the Indonesian authorities to ensure that market access for EU exports would not be hindered by unjustified or disproportionate measures.

As a result, on 11 February 2010 Indonesia lifted the import restrictions.

The EU has stringent control measures in place to guarantee that only healthy animals are traded or slaughtered.

In 2008, EU Member States exported pork products worth approximately 400,000 Euro to Indonesia.

The Commission is very pleased that no import restrictions, based on measures against pandemic H1/N1 virus, remain, and that Indonesia now follows earlier recommendations made by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and other relevant international organisations such as the WHO, the FAO and the WTO. The European Commission will continue to monitor closely Indonesia's import system to ensure that it aligns with Indonesia's international obligations under the WTO SPS agreement.

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