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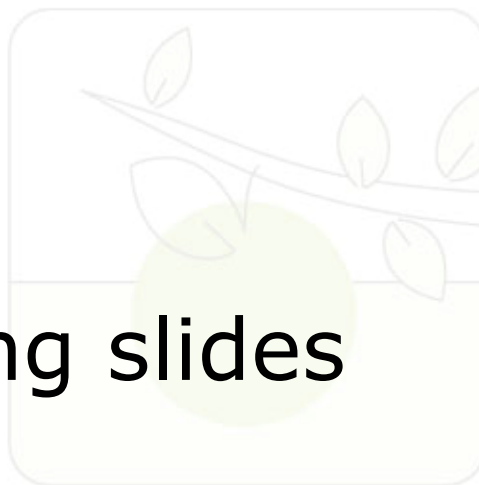
**Imports of poultry meat
products from China**

Historical Overview – Fresh PM

- China applied in 94 to export fresh poultry meat >>> Questionnaire sent and answers analysed
- Mission in 1994 (first assessment – VI/4973/94)
- First listing in 1994 (amendment 94/298/EC of Dec 94/85/EC):
- Certificates (amendment 96/298/EC of Dec 94/984/EC): model B (compulsory testing for ND; only parts of two regions allowed (see maps))

Regions approved in China (situation 94/85/EC)

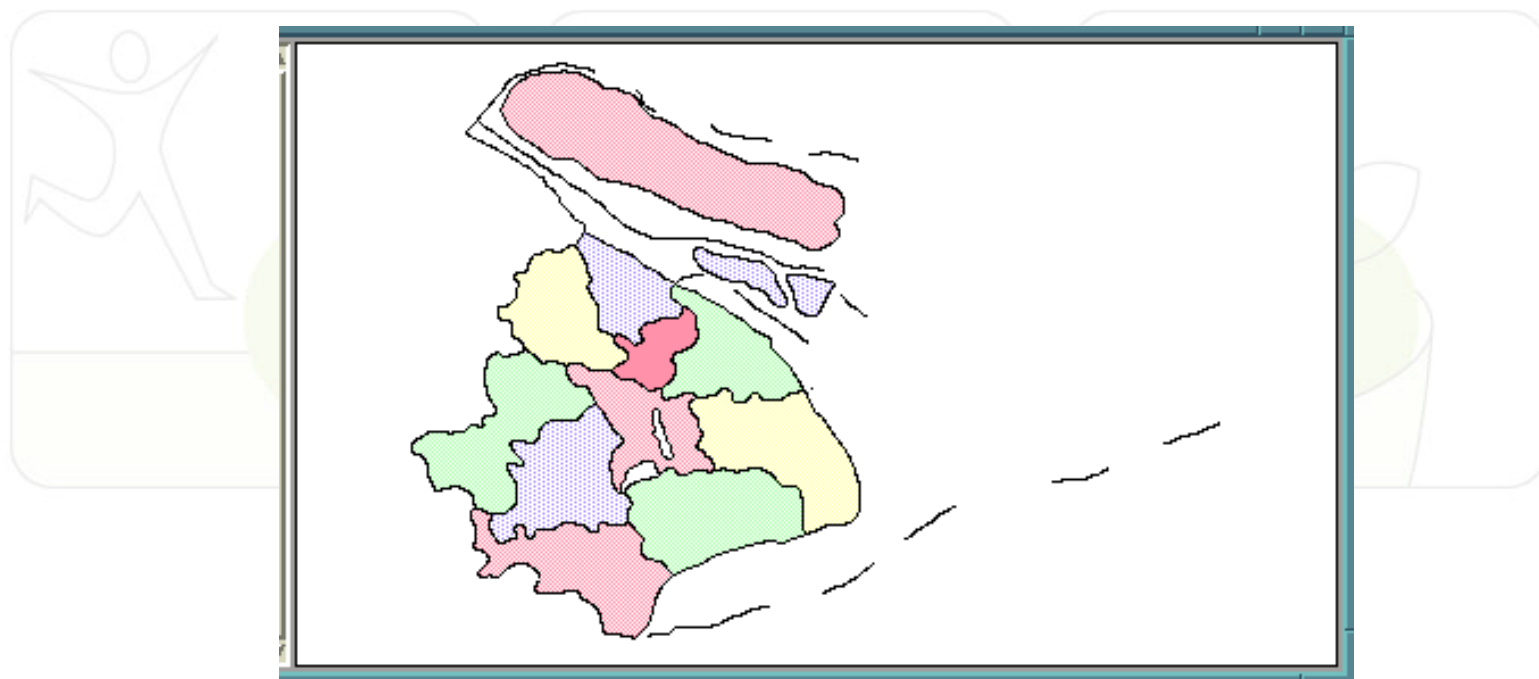
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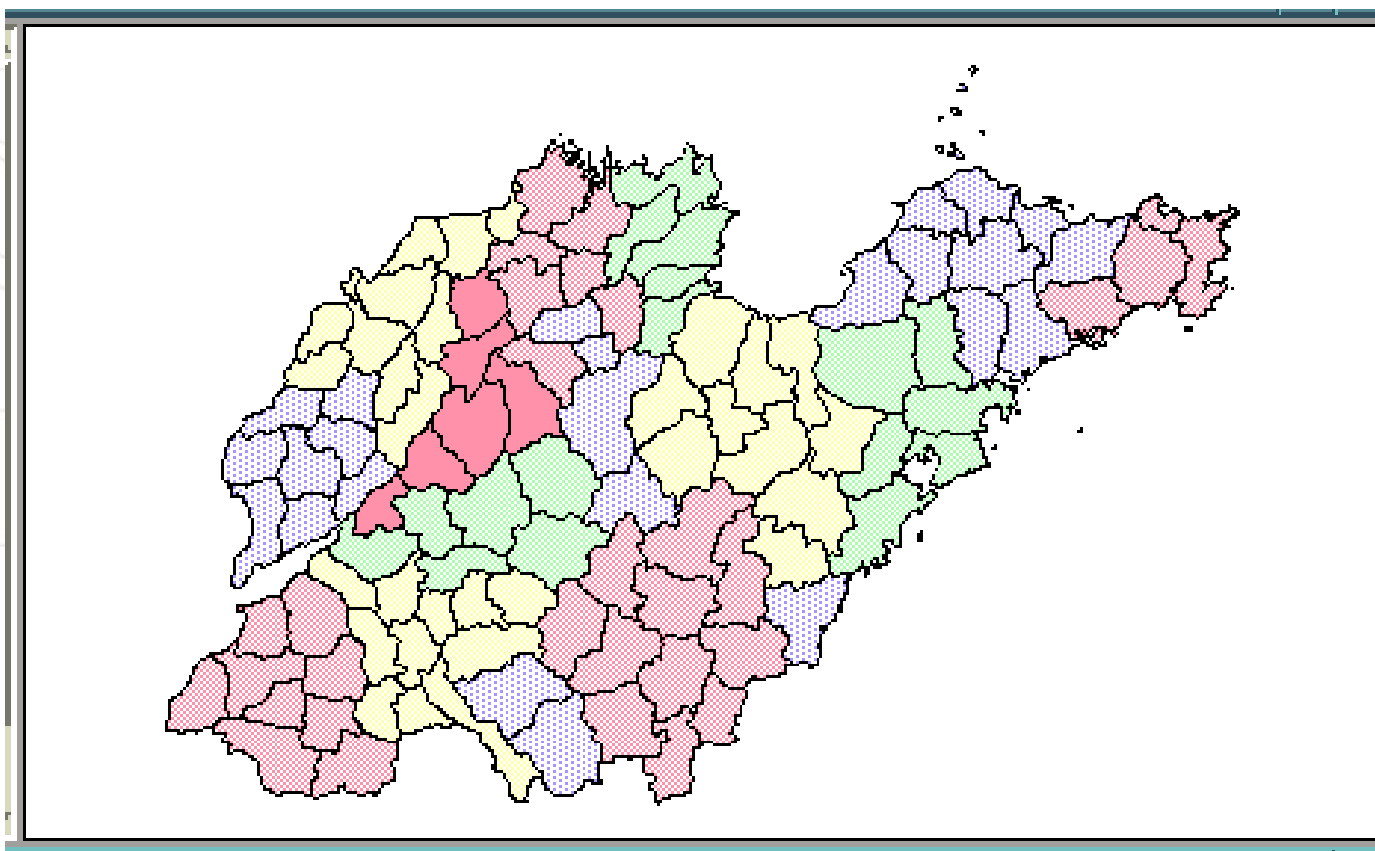
Administrative regions in China



Shanghai Municipality



Shandong Province



Further evolution

- Inspection in 1996 after exports had started (without harmonised list of establishments), revealed serious problems (VI/2084/96)
- Safeguard measures taken (Dec 96/456/EC)
- Mission in 1998 (XXIV/1452/98) revealed problems mainly with residues

Further evolution (Ctd.)

- 1999 residue mission >>> import ban for all products (Dec 2002/69/EC & 2002/994/EC)
- AS part of corrective action Chinese CA set up EOS system to deal with residue and other issues which could interfere with exports.
- Establishments in those two provinces listed as from 2001 (Dec 2001/400/EC amending 97/4/EC)
- Progressively residue ban was lifted, but AI struck in 2004 before poultry meat import was reopened >>> safeguard measures taken in 2004 banning fresh PM imports, feathers etc. (Dec 2004/122/EC SE Asia).

FVO Missions on AI

- 2001 mission following problems in Hong Kong (SANCO/3461/2001)
- 2004 mission to study monitoring for AI (combined with PH mission poultry meat and rabbit meat) (SANCO/7360/2004)
- Two missions in 2006, following request from China to authorise cooked poultry meat products (Feb: SANCO/8244/2006 – Oct: SANCO/8329/2006)

Results of FVO AI Missions

■ 2001 mission:

- Transparency issues
- Notification of 1996 outbreak
- Coordination between CAs
- Monitoring programme not always carried out as planned

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ 2004 mission:

- AI definition not in accordance with OIE
- Problems with communication between CA
- Laboratory issues
- Insufficient monitoring, i.e. before vaccination or culling

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ 2004 mission (Ctd.):

- Absence of discriminatory test
- Biosecurity issues in farms
- Public health as far as assessed OK

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ Feb 2006 mission:

■ Note:

- China introduced application to export cooked products from nine establishments in Shandong
- Shanghai not included as:
 - AI outbreaks had occurred in 2004
 - Farms/establishments closed down for urban sprawl

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ Feb 2006 mission (Ctd.):

- Public health as far as assessed OK
- Strong guarantees on heat treatment
(At least 70 C core temp)
- Some animal welfare issues

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ Feb 2006 mission (Ctd.):

■ For AI further improvements needed:

- Definition unchanged
- Coordination laboratories
- Insufficient monitoring in unvaccinated flocks

■ Positive points on AI:

- Notification OK
- Shandong remains free

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ Oct 2006 mission (Ctd.):

■ Objectives:

- Follow up of previous missions
- Mainly regarding definition and vaccination

■ Visits:

- Laboratories (including NRL),
- Regional and local offices CA
- Establishments (for checking traceability) and farms

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

- Oct 2006 mission Results (Ctd.):
 - Overall situation in China improved, but still problems
 - Role of BYF
 - Notification OK, including subclinical cases, but some discrepancies in figures
 - Shandong remains free in spite of the huge poultry industry.

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ Oct 2006 mission Results (Ctd.):

- Definition unchanged (CA refer to monitoring programme in which it is foreseen to cull antigen positive flocks (= PCR+) without symptoms)
- Vaccination programme seems to work, and surveillance on this is massive, but some problems in vaccinating BYF remain
- AI monitoring in unvaccinated farms not very intensive

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

■ Oct 2006 mission Results (Ctd.):

- Laboratories satisfactory
- Involvement of CA
- Some doubts remained about the fact that new vaccine (combined with ND) is not yet used in the field.
- Some problems with traceability
- Insufficient information on location of EOS farms

Results of FVO AI Missions (Ctd.)

- **Oct 2006 mission Follow up:**
 - Comments received, but CA accepted most findings apart from AI definition
 - Sent to CA and MS on 24.05.07
 - Action plan expected

