

China bans some U.S. chicken imports, PepsiCo products



Beijing, June 21 (RHC)-- China banned imports from a top U.S. poultry producer and ordered a Beijing Pepsi factory to close Sunday as authorities clamped down on food production and distribution amid a new coronavirus cluster in the capital.

Health officials also reported 22 new virus cases in Beijing, where they have tested more than two million residents as they seek to contain a wave of new infections linked to a wholesale market in the capital.

Imports of frozen chicken from Tyson Foods have been "temporarily suspended," the General Administration of Customs said, after a virus outbreak was found at one of the company's production facilities in the United States.

U.S. food and drinks giant PepsiCo was also ordered to shut down one of its snack-making plants in Beijing after several employees tested positive, company spokeswoman Fan Zhimin said.

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