



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS Note 2015/03

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Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Israel

Purpose

1. To advise OVSs of an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Israel.

Background

2. The Israeli competent authority informed the Commission on Sunday 18 January 2015 about the confirmation on 17 January 2015 of an outbreak of HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in the district of Haifa, province of Hazafon. This means that the Competent Authority in Israel can no longer sign certificates in [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#).
3. Therefore, the importation into the EU of the following commodities from the whole territories of Israel are suspended:
 - Live poultry and live ratites;
 - Day old chicks and hatching eggs of poultry and ratites;
 - Meat of poultry and ratites, including fresh meat and meat preparations;
 - Meat of wild game birds; and
 - Eggs.

It should be noted that minced meat and mechanically separated meat of the above species are not permitted under EU legislation.

4. Imports of meat products and stomach, bladders and intestines derived from avian species which have only been subjected to treatment 'A' in accordance Annex II, Part 4 of [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) are also suspended.
5. Meat products including stomachs, bladders and intestines derived from avian species must have been treated to at least 70°C throughout the meat (**Treatment 'D'** in Decision 2007/777/EC) to be eligible for export to the EU.



6. We will keep you informed of any developments.

Action for OVSs

7. OVSs are asked to

- note that imports of the above commodities from Israel are suspended; and
- contact the Centre for International Trade Import, Carlisle if consignments of animals or products of susceptible species are presented for veterinary checks.

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