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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### Situation update on HPAI outbreak in the USA

#### Purpose

To advise OVSs that Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza of (HPAI) of H5N2 subtype has been detected in a backyard poultry flock in the State of Idaho, USA.

#### Background

[OVS note 2015/02](#) advised that the Commission agreed regionalisation of the USA regarding HPAI for import of poultry, their hatching eggs, fresh meat and for import of meat products from Douglas County in the State of Oregon and the whole of the State of Washington.

The veterinary authorities of the United States have informed the Commission of the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N2 in a backyard poultry flock of 24 chickens and 2 ducks in Canyon County, State of Idaho.

The Commission is going to present for vote at the PAFF committee as soon as possible two drafts for regionalisation of the US in relation to this new outbreak for import of poultry, their hatching eggs, fresh meat, and for import of meat products.

The Commission has asked the UK to accept consignments of poultry and poultry products certified by US competent authorities as from 23 January 2015, if they originate outside of Douglas County in the state of Oregon, the whole State of Washington and Idaho.

#### Action for OVSs

To note that the UK has agreed to the application of the regionalisation of USA before amendments to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 and Decision 2007/777/EC are published.

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