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Situation update on HPAI outbreak in the USA

Purpose

To provide OVSs with information on the latest situation on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the USA and to let you know that HPAI of the strain of H5N8 has been confirmed in the State of California.

Background

OVS Notes [14/37](#), [15/01](#), [15/02](#) and [15/04](#), advised of and gave updates on the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the USA.

The latest outbreak of HPAI, of H5N8 subtype was confirmed in the State of California on 26 January.

The Commission presented for vote at the PAFF committee two draft Commission Implementing Decisions amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) 798/2008 and Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC 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 Annexes to the above legislation are being amended to ban/restrict imports of those commodities listed above from:

- The entire State of Washington;
- Canyon County and Payette County in the State of Idaho;
- Douglas County and Malheur County in the State of Oregon;
- Stanislaus County and Tuolumne County in the State of California

Based on the guarantees provided by the United States and the vote in favour of adopting regionalisation the Commission has asked Member States accept consignments of poultry and poultry products certified by US competent authorities before the Implementing Decisions are formally adopted.



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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 formally adopted.

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