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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN CANADA

Purpose

1. To advise you of the latest situation in Canada following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

Background

2. [OVS note 2015/20](#) issued on 24 April advised you of that situation in Canada following outbreaks of HPAI in British Columbia and Ontario.
3. The regionalisation measures referred to at that time have now been published in the Official Journal of the European Union:
 - [Regulation \(EU\) No 2015/908](#) which amends [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) (live poultry, meat and eggs); and
 - [Decision \(EU\) 2015/911](#) which amends [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) (Meat products). For information, this amendment simply aligns the restricted area with the restricted area defined in Regulation (EU) No 798/2008 as amended with respect to Canada).
4. OVS note 2015/20 advised that the UK had entered into a bilateral agreement with the Canadian authorities to allow transshipments of day old chicks and hatching eggs to be exported from Canada to Russia provided that consignments did not originate from those areas in Canada affected by HPAI. This was an interim arrangement to allow trade between Canada and Russia prior to publication of the amendment in the Official Journal.



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5. That bilateral arrangement is no longer in place and imports and transshipments of all commodities eligible for import from Canada can now resume provided that they do not come from the area affected by HPAI as defined in Regulation (EU) No 2015/908.
6. It should also be noted that the Canadian authorities have completed stamping out, cleansing and disinfection in the area defined as CA-2.1 in Regulation (EU) No 798/2008 and as such the importation of poultry meat, ratite meat and wild game meat resume from 9 June.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the above information.

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