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OVS Note/2015/25

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SITUATION UPDATE ON HPAI IN THE USA

Purpose

1. To advise you of the latest situation in the USA following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Background

2. [OVS note 2015/19](#) issued on 23 April advised of the HPAI situation in the USA at that time.
3. At the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (PAFF) on 8 July it was agreed that the area for which regionalisation applies with respect to poultry and poultry products should be updated. It should also be noted that in some areas, opening dates have also been agreed. An amendment to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 will be published shortly.
4. In the meantime, at the request of the Commission, the UK has agreed to implement these latest regionalisation measures prior to formal adoption and publication of this amendment in the Official Journal of the European Union. A copy of the latest amendment which was agreed at PAFF is attached.
5. It should also be noted that the regionalisation measures also apply to poultry meat products imported from the United States (see [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2015/536](#));

Action for OVSS

6. To note that the UK has agreed to the application of the regionalisation of USA before amendments to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 have been published.

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