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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THIRD COUNTRIES

Purpose

1. To advise you of the latest situation with respect to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in South Africa and the USA.

Background

South Africa

2. Following outbreaks of HPAI in South Africa in April 2011 restrictions were put in place on imports into the EU of ratite meat, poultry meat and their products.
3. On 2 March the South Africa Competent Authorities (CA) submitted information and appropriate guarantees about its HPAI status declaring its whole territory HPAI-free.
4. The guarantees provided by the CA were evaluated by the Commission with a favourable outcome and it has been agreed that imports of ratite meat and ratite meat products can resume.
5. [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) has been amended by [Regulation \(EU\) 2015/1349](#) and [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) has been amended by [Decision \(EU\) 2015/1353](#) accordingly.

USA

6. [OVS note 2015/25](#) issued on 9 July provided an update of the situation in the USA following outbreaks of HPAI. The regionalisation measures referred to at that time have now been published in [Regulation \(EU\) No 2015/1363](#).



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