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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN ISRAEL

Purpose

1. To advise you that the territory of Israel has been declared free of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

Background

2. [OVS note 2015/03](#) issued on 20 January advised that following outbreaks of HPAI in the district of Haifa, province of Hazfon, the Israeli Competent Authority (CA) was unable to sign export certificates confirming that its territory was HPAI-free.
3. At the time exports of poultry and poultry products to the EU were voluntarily suspended by the Israeli CA and no safeguard action (ie regionalisation) measures were taken.
4. There have been no new outbreaks of HPAI in Israel and cleaning and disinfection was completed three months ago. It is therefore appropriate for imports into the EU of the following commodities from the whole Israel to resume:
 - Breeding/productive poultry and ratites;
 - Day old chicks of poultry and ratites;
 - Hatching eggs of poultry and ratites
 - Fresh meat of poultry and ratites; and
 - Eggs and egg products.



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5. In accordance with [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) meat products derived from poultry, farmed feather game, ratites and wild game birds from Israel must be subjected to treatment 'D'. Therefore there are no changes to the import requirements for these meat products.
6. It should be noted that the importation from Israel of slaughter poultry and poultry for restocking game supplies other than ratites and wild game meat are still suspended due to the presence of Newcastle disease. Further, some of the other commodities referred to above are subject to additional Newcastle disease related guarantees as provided for in [Regulation \(EU\) No 2015/608](#).

Action for OVSs

7. To note the above information.

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