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OVS Note/2015/39

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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN NORTH AMERICA NEW ZEALAND EQUIVALENCE AGREEMENT

Purpose

1. The purpose of this OVS note is to:
 - provide an update on the latest situation in Canada and the USA with respect to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI); and
 - clarify the coming into force date of amendments to the New Zealand Equivalence Agreement.

Background

HPAI in Canada and the USA

2. OVS note 2015/34 issued on 11 September advised that there had been no further outbreaks of HPAI in Canada and the USA. It further advised that amendments to the Annex of Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 would be published shortly and that imports of poultry and poultry commodities could to resume in accordance with the agreed Opening Dates.
3. This is to let you know that [Regulation \(EU\) 2015/1884](#) amending Regulation (EC) NO 798/2008 has now been published.



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New Zealand Equivalence Agreement

4. OVS note 2015/35 issued on 9 October provided advice about the levels of identity checks and fees on consignments from New Zealand.
5. This is to clarify that [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/1084](#) came into force on 1 April 2015 and the amendments provided for in the Regulation should apply straightaway.

Action for OVSS

6. To note the information above.

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