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AMENDMENTS TO COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) NO 798/2008 CONCERNING IMPORTS AND TRANSIT OF SINGLE CONSIGNMENTS OF LESS THAN 20 UNITS OF POULTRY OTHER THAN RATITES, HATCHING EGGS AND DAY OLD CHICKS

Purpose

1. To advise you that [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 798/2008](#) has been amended to include the import conditions for single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry (other than ratites), hatching eggs and day-old chicks.

Background

2. Commission Regulation (EU) No 798/2008 has been amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2258](#) to:
 - Provide a model veterinary certificate for single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, day-old chicks and hatching eggs (LT20);
 - Update Annex I to specify the list of third countries that are eligible for import of these commodities;
 - Amend Articles 5 and 14 to define which conditions should be met for lots under 20
 - Replace outdated references to Directive 90/539/EEC with Directive 2009/158/EC in Annexes III, VIII and IX to Commission Regulation No 798/2008.
3. Single consignments of less than 20 (LT20) units of poultry other than ratities, hatching eggs and day old chicks do not have to comply with all the animal and public health conditions required in the certificates for breeding and productive poultry (BPP), day-old chicks (DOC) and hatching eggs (HEP) but have to meet the conditions of Commission Regulation (EU) No 798/2008.



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4. Current model veterinary certificates for the above commodities do not mention the exemptions for some specific provisions for single consignments or less than 20 units.
5. A new model certificate has been created to cover consignments of less than 20 units which contains the animal health conditions that are specifically applicable to such consignments by exempting them from certain requirements set out in model certificates BPP, DOC, and HEP.
6. Article 5 and 14 have been amended to reflect that the use of laboratory testing as set out in Section 1 of Annex III is required for post import testing.

Action for OVSs

7. OVS should note:
 - the amendments referred to above

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