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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE USA AND RUSSIA

Purpose

1. To advise you of the latest situation in the USA and Russia following outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

Background

USA

2. [OVS Note 2015/39](#) advised of the situation at that time in the USA following outbreaks of HPAI.
3. The competent authorities in the USA have now confirmed that there have been no further outbreaks in the State of Minnesota and that they have completed cleansing, disinfection and stamping out. Imports of the relevant commodities can resume from 10 September. This means that restrictions have been lifted throughout the whole of the USA now.
4. We are expecting the amendment to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 to be published shortly, but imports can resume immediately.

Russia

5. Following outbreaks of HPAI in Russia in September 2014, Russia suspended veterinary certification for imports into the EU of
 - poultry meat, class B eggs, egg products (Regulation (EC) No 798/2008;



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- poultry meat/feather game (excl ratite) meat products which have been subjected to 'treatment A' (CD 2007/777/EC); and
- animal by-products derived from poultry (Regulation (EU) No 142/2011).

6. Russia has successfully controlled the HPAI outbreaks in its territory and as such imports into the EU of the above commodities are able to be resumed.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the above information.

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