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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN MEXICO – LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS

Purpose

1. To advise you that restrictions on imports of certain poultry products from Mexico due to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza have been lifted.

Background

2. Following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in 2013, restrictions were put in place on imports into the EU of meat products derived from birds and egg products from Mexico.
3. In May 2015, the Mexican competent authority submitted information and guarantees to the European Commission about its HPAI status confirming that there was no more virus circulation and that stamping out had been completed. This information has been evaluated and accepted.
4. Consequently, [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) (meat products) has been amended by [Decision \(EU\) 2016/41](#) and [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) (egg products) has been amended by [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/39](#) and will mean that:
 - Imports of meat products derived from poultry, farmed feathered game, ratites and wild game birds will be able to come in with a D treatment (70°C throughout the meat) in accordance with the requirements of Commission Decision 2007/777/EC; and
 - Imports of egg products may be resumed as from 5 February.

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