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UPDATE ON HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE USA

Purpose

1. To advise you on the latest situation in the United States of America following the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

Background

2. [OVS Note 2016/04](#) issued on 5 February advised you of the outbreak and of the measures that had been put in place at that time.
3. Following appropriate guarantees from the US competent authority it was agreed at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 1 March, to modify the restrictions in place for imports of poultry commodities from the State of Indiana.
4. We are expecting amendments to [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) to be published shortly. In the meantime, imports of the following commodities from Indiana **apart** from Dubois and Martins counties can resume:
 - Live poultry and ratites including day old chicks and hatching eggs and units of less than 20 poultry;
 - Poultry meat, ratite meat, wild game bird meat



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- Meat products derived from birds unless they have had a D treatment (70°C throughout the meat) ([Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) was amended last year to align with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 798/2008).
5. Imports of meat obtained from poultry slaughtered between the 10 May 2015 and 8 August 2015 from Whitley County is still restricted (see [Regulation \(EU\) No 2015/1884](#)).
 6. Imports of the above commodities from Dubois and Martins counties other than meat produced within the restricted period (starting on the 15th January), can resume from 01 May 2016.
 7. It is possible that some products were produced during the period of restriction in Indiana. Any products that were produced in Indiana, other than during the restricted periods in the counties of Whitley, Dubois and Martin, may now be imported into the EU as normal.

Action for OVSs

8. To note the above information.

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