



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS Note/2017/05

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Purpose

1. To advise you of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the USA.

Background

2. The US Competent Authority (CA) has notified the European Commission of an outbreak of HPAI Lincoln Country, Tennessee. The US CA has confirmed that it has suspended exports to the EU of poultry and poultry products from Lincoln, Franklin and Moore counties in the State of Tennessee and Madison and Jackson counties in State of Alabama which have been included in the 10km control zone.

Imports of the following commodities are permitted from the USA:

- Breeding/productive/slaughter of poultry and ratites;
- day old chicks/hatching eggs of poultry and ratites;
- Meat of poultry, ratites, wild game birds;
- Meat products with no minimum heat treatment.

3. The health certificates for the above commodities require country freedom on HPAI and as such the US CA is unable to sign health certificates for export to the EU

4. The European Commission is in the process of amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 to suspend imports from the affected areas. In the meantime, at the request of the Commission the UK has agreed to permit imports of poultry and poultry products from the rest of the USA before amendments to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 have been formally adopted and published.



Action for OVSS

To note that the UK has agreed to the application of the regionalisation of the USA before amendments to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 are formally adopted and published.

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