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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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## HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE USA

### Purpose

1. To advise you of the latest situation following an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the USA.

### Background

2. [OVS note 2017/05](#) issued on 9 March advised that the US Competent Authority (CA) had notified the European Commission of an outbreak of HPAI in Lincoln County, Tennessee and that the Commission was in the process of amending EU legislation relating to the importation into the EU of poultry and poultry products from the USA.

3. [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) which lays down the list of third countries and health certificates for imports of poultry products from third countries has been amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/481](#). Restrictions are now formally in place for the following commodities from Lincoln, Franklin and Moore Counties in Tennessee and Madison and Jackson Counties in Alabama:

- 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

4. [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) which lays down the list of third countries and health certificates for imports into the EU of meat products from third countries has already been amended to allow for regionalisation of the USA and as such bird meat products from the affected region must be treated to a minimum of 70°C throughout the meat.



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## **Action for OVSS**

5. To note the information above.

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