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OUTBREAK OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN SOUTH AFRICA

Purpose

1. To advise you of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in South Africa.

Background

2. The South African Competent Authority (CA) has notified the European Commission of an outbreak of HPAI in a commercial broiler poultry farm in Mpumalanga province. As South Africa is no longer free of HPAI, the CA has confirmed that it has suspended exports to the EU of meat of susceptible species from the whole country as of 22 June.

Imports of the following commodities are no longer permitted:

- Fresh ratite meat ([Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) as amended);
- Poultry meat preparations ([Commission Decision 2000/572/EC](#) as amended);
- Meat products not subject to treatments B, C or D ([Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) as amended)
- Unprocessed animal by-products ([Regulation \(EU\) No 142/2011](#) as amended).

3. Any consignments of the above commodities certified on or after 22 June should be rejected. Consignment certified before 22 June are eligible for import into the EU.

4. We will keep you informed of developments.



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5. To note the above information and reject any consignments of meat, other than meat products that have been subject to treatments B, C, or D in accordance with Commission Decision 2007/777/EC, that were certified on or after 22 June.

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