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PUBLICATION OF EU LEGISLATION ON OUTBREAKS OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

Purpose

1. To advise you of the publication of the following legislation in relation to outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI):
 - [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/1414](#) which amends [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) (poultry); and
 - [Decision \(EU\) 2017/1461](#) which amends [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) (meat products)

Background

The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

2. [OVS note 2017/02](#) advised of an outbreak on HPAI in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. A stamping out policy has been implemented and cleansing and disinfection measures have been completed. Updated information has been submitted to and evaluated by the Commission with satisfactory results. It is therefore appropriate to lift restrictions on imports into the EU of poultry meat from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Poultry meat products can come in with Treatment A (no minimum heat treatment).

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3. [OVS note 2017/06](#) advised of the latest situation in respect of outbreaks of HPAI in the state of Tennessee in the USA. A stamping out policy has been implemented and cleansing and disinfection measures have been completed. Updated information has been submitted to and evaluated by the Commission with satisfactory results. It is therefore appropriate to lift restrictions on imports into the EU of poultry and its products from Tennessee. Poultry meat products can come in with Treatment A (no minimum heat treatment – see Commission Decision 2007/777/EC for full details).

South Africa

4. [OVS note 2017/14](#) advised of an outbreak of HPAI in South Africa in June. The South African competent authority suspended exports of ratite meat to the EU as of 22 June.
5. Imports of meat products of affected species including biltong/pasteurised meat products must undergo Treatment D (a minimum of 70°C throughout the meat – see Commission Decision 2007/777/EC for full details).

Zimbabwe

6. On 1 June Zimbabwe confirmed an outbreak on HPAI on its territory and as such imports into the EU of ratite meat can no longer be certified. Imports of meat products of affected species including biltong/pasteurised meat products must undergo Treatment D (a minimum of 70°C throughout the meat – see Commission Decision 2007/777/EC for full details).

Bosnia and Herzegovina (transits – non HPAI)

7. Part 2 of the Annex to Commission Decision 2007/777/EC has been amended to permit the transit through Bulgaria of meat products from domestic bovine animals from Bosnia and Herzegovina to Turkey.

Action for OVSS

8. Please note the above information.

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