



## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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## HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE USA

### Purpose

1. To advise you of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H7N3 in the USA.

### Background

2. On 8 April 2020, the United States competent authorities confirmed the presence of HPAI of subtype H7N3 in a poultry holding in Chesterfield County in the State of South Carolina. Therefore, it has put in place a 10km control zone around the affected holding which includes parts of Chesterfield, Lancaster and Kershaw counties in the State of South Carolina and suspended exports of affected commodities from the whole country.
3. The United States has submitted information on the epidemiological situation on its territory and the measures it has taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI which has now been evaluated by the Commission.

Based on that evaluation, as well as the commitments laid down in the Agreement and the guarantees provided by the United States authorities, the entry in the table set out in Part 1 of Annex I to [Regulation \(EC\) No 798/2008](#) has been amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/544](#) to take into account of the current epidemiological situation due to the current outbreak.



4. Therefore, part of areas described in the Annex to [Decision \(EU\) 2020/544](#) as US-2.3 has been removed from the lists of part of third country approved to export fresh meat and meat products to the EU.
5. We will keep you informed of developments.

#### **Action for OVSs**

6. To note the above information.

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