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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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OUTBREAKS OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN UKRAINE

Purpose

1. To advise you of the current situation following outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Ukraine.
2. To request certain poultry products are put on hold pending further advice.

Background

3. On 5 February we emailed you about outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Ukraine. The outbreaks are in the area described in retained EU Regulation 798/2008 as UA-1. This means that Ukraine is unable to certify the poultry products for export to Great Britain.
4. Since then, the EU has regionalised Ukraine and amended its legislation to create new regions from which imports should not be permitted. As such, imports from the non affected areas of Ukraine are permitted to enter the EU.
5. However, we have not applied any regionalisation measures to Ukraine so imports of products from affected species is still not permitted.
6. We have been made aware that consignments of poultry products including petfood derived from poultry have been sent to GB after the end of the transition period (31 December 2020).

7. Therefore, if you receive consignments of the following products from Ukraine and pending any formal safeguard action, please put the consignments on hold and seek further advice from APHA CIT (Imports@apha.gov.uk):

- Poultry meat;
- Ratite meat;
- Wild game meat of birds;
- Meat preparations derived from the above species
- Meat products derived from the above species; and
- Animal by-products derived from poultry or other birds

8. Please note that there are no HPAI related restrictions on imports of eggs and egg products.

9. We will keep you informed of developments.

Action for OVSs

10. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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