



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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OUTBREAK OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN BOTSWANA

Purpose

1. To advise that there has been an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Botswana.
2. To request that susceptible commodities are put on hold pending further advice.

Background

3. On 6 September 2021 Botswana notified OIE of an outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in a poultry farm close to Gaborone. Therefore, the territory of Botswana cannot be considered free of HPAI and as such Botswana can no longer certify consignments of susceptible commodities for export to Great Britain.
4. This will affect the following commodities:
 - **[Retained EU Regulation 798/2008](#):**
 - Breeding ratites and productive ratites (model BPR)
 - Day old chicks of ratites (model DOR)
 - Hatching eggs of ratites (model HER)
 - Meat of ratites (model RAT)
 - **[Retained EU Decision 2007/777](#):**
 - Meat products of ratites not subject to treatments B or C or D as laid down in Annex II of the Decision

- **Retained EU Regulations [1069/2009](#) and [142/2011](#)**
 - Unprocessed animal by-products referred to in Regulation 1069/2009 and its implementing Regulation 142/2011 consisting of, or containing material from poultry
5. Therefore, if you receive consignments of the above commodities from Botswana and pending any formal safeguard action, please put the consignments on hold and seek further advice from APHA CIT (Imports@apha.gov.uk):
6. Please note that there are no HPAI related restrictions on imports of Specified Pathogen Free (SPF) eggs, table eggs (E) and egg products (EP).
7. We will keep you informed of developments.

Action for OVSs

8. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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