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HPAI OUTBREAKS IN JAPAN: IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR IMPORTS OF FRESH POULTRY MEAT

Purpose

1. To advise you of highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in Japan.

Background

2. We have been notified of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the prefectures of Akita and Kagoshima in Japan.
3. There were outbreaks of HPAI in Japan in November last year and the EU put in place restrictions in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2020/2083](#) amending Regulation 798/2008 by introducing a closing date of 5 Nov 2020 for imports of fresh poultry meat. This was the position on imports of poultry meat from Japan when we left the EU on 31 December 2020. This however is not reflected in the legislation published on Legislation.Gov which could imply that imports of fresh poultry meat from Japan are still permitted.
4. We are waiting for further advice on the current situation in Japan, but in the meantime this email is to advise you now that we should not be receiving imports of fresh poultry meat from Japan.

5. If you do receive any consignments, please put on hold and seek further advice from [APHA](#).
6. We will keep you informed of developments.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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