



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2021/14

17 December 2021

IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA AND UKRAINE

Purpose

1. To advise you of the current situation following the lifting of restrictions due to earlier outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in
 - Australia; and
 - Ukraine

Background

2. Since July 2020, imports into Great Britain of poultry and poultry products including ratites from **Australia** have been suspended due to outbreaks of HPAI.
3. Since December 2020, imports into Great Britain of poultry products from **Ukraine** have been suspended due to multiple outbreaks of HPAI as outlined in [OVS note 2021/04](#) which advised of the situation at the time.
4. The Australian and Ukrainian competent authorities have provided appropriate guarantees to Defra about the epidemiological situation and the measures taken to control the outbreaks in their respective countries.
5. An assessment of risk led by Defra and the Animal and Plant Health Agency, in consultation with the Food Standards Agency, has concluded that imports of poultry and poultry products from Australia and Ukraine can resume provided the consignments originate from outside the areas affected by HPAI.
6. [The Approved Country Lists \(Animals and Animal Products\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#) (SI No 2021/1454) to implement these decisions came into force on 17th December 2021 which amends the table in the Annex of Retained Regulation 798/2008 in respect of Australia and Ukraine and the relevant closing

and opening dates. Consignments can be certified from both countries from 17 December.

Action for OVSS

7. To note the contents of this OVS note.
8. If you receive any consignments from Australia or Ukraine that were certified before 17 December, please place on hold and contact APHA for further advice.

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