



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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OUTBREAKS OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE USA AND CANADA

Purpose

1. To inform you of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in the USA and Canada.

Background

2. We have been advised on a number of outbreaks of HPAI in the following regions of Canada and the USA:

	Province/State	County
Canada	Nova Scotia	
USA	Indiana	Dubois - 3 confirmed outbreaks
	Kentucky	Webster
	Maryland	Cecil
	Missouri	Stoddard
	Iowa	Buena Vista
	Kansas	Franklin
	South Dakota	Charles Mix
	Wisconsin	Jefferson

3. The competent authority in Canada has advised us that there are no commercial premises approved for export to GB of poultry commodities within the affected zone.
4. The competent authority of the United States (APHIS USDA) has implemented a stamping out policy and issued written quarantines for flocks located within a 10 km zone of the infected premises to limit the risk of spreading of the disease. APHIS USDA is discontinuing, for now, endorsement of the relevant health certificates from the restricted zone.

5. In accordance with [Retained EU Regulation 798/2008](#), the whole territories of Canada and USA are approved to export the following commodities to GB:

- SPF eggs (SPF)
- Eggs and egg products (E, EP)
- Wild game meat of birds (WGM)
- Breeding poultry breeding ratites (BPP, BPR)
- Less than 20 units of poultry (LT20)
- Day old chicks of poultry and ratites (DOC, DOR)
- Hatching eggs for poultry and ratites (HER, HEP)
- Poultry and ratites for slaughter (SRP, SRA)
- Poultry meat and ratites meat (POU, RAT)

6. In line with Agreements in place between GB and both countries, imports of poultry commodities will continue to be permitted from outside the affected zones.

7. We are undertaking risk assessments and further advice will be issued shortly.

8. We will keep you informed of developments

Action for OVSs

9. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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