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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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UPDATE - OUTBREAKS OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE USA AND CANADA

Purpose

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

Background

2. 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)
3. 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.
4. [OVS note 2022/13](#) advised you that we are changing the way we amend third country lists.

5. Since 1 July, the latest third country listings information for imports of animals and animal products can be found at the following links:
 - [EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain - data.gov.uk](#)
 - [Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain - data.gov.uk](#)
 - [Animal health status of countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain - data.gov.uk](#)

6. This means that information on approved and restricted regions of Canada and the US for HPAI will now be found on the 'poultry and poultry products' document published [here](#). Details on changes have been made to these lists may be found in the table at the end of the document (accessible via link at the top of the page).

7. These documents supersede the safeguard declarations published by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (England), Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd (Wales) and the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Scotland) which have now been revoked.
 - [Declaration revoking Special Measures for HPAI in Canada \(Scotland\)](#) (PDF, 106 KB, 1 page)
 - [Declaration revoking Special Measures for HPAI in the United States of America \(Scotland\)](#) (PDF, 106 KB, 1 page)
 - [Declaration revoking Special Measures for HPAI in Canada and the United States of America \(England\)](#) (PDF, 117 KB, 1 page)
 - [Declaration revoking Special Measures for HPAI in Canada and the United States of America \(Wales\)](#) (PDF, 115 KB, 1 page)

8. We will keep you informed of developments

Action for OVSs

9. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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