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## LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO IMPORTS OF POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN

### Purpose

1. [OVS Note 2021/11](#) advised of outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Japan.

### Background

2. Since November 2020, the importation into Great Britain of poultry and poultry products from Japan has been suspended due to outbreaks HPAI.
3. In July 2022, the Japanese competent authority supplied information to Defra about the epidemiological situation and the measures taken to control the outbreaks. A risk assessment has concluded that the importation of certain poultry products from Japan can resume.
4. The list of countries [approved](#) for the importation of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products has been update accordingly to reflect the following:
  - **Poultry and poultry products** - In row for Japan with 'POU' in column 4, inserted opening date "13/08/2022" in column 6B
  - **Meat products** - In table 2, in row for Japan, changed from 'D' to 'A' in column 7.

### Action for OVSs

5. To note the above.

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