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OUTBREAK OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN ARGENTINA

Purpose

1. This replaces OVS note 2023/04 concerning an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Argentina.

Background

2. The Competent Authority in Argentina confirmed an outbreak of HPAI in a commercial broiler farm on 28 February.

3. In accordance with Retained EU legislation Argentina is eligible for the importation into Great Britain of the following products:

- POU – poultry meat
- RAT – ratite meat
- WGM – wild game meat
- MP – meat products of poultry and farmed feathered game
- MP – meat products of wild game birds
- ABP – certain animal by-products (cross references to poultry lists)

4. We do not currently have a regionalisation agreement with Argentina and as such Argentina has been delisted for POU, RAT and WGM with a closing date of 28 February 2023.

5. Meat products of poultry and feathered game will need to be subjected to heat treatment 'D' (70°C throughout the meat). Wild game meat products already have to be subjected to a 'D' treatment.

6. For ABPs, please refer to the specific requirements for the country listing in the relevant Import Information Note and in the GB import certificate to assess compliance.

7. The Eggs (E), egg products (EP) and specified pathogen-free eggs (SPF) certificates include assurances to address the risk of introduction of HPAI, therefore they are not delisted commodities. These can continue to be permitted for import into GB if compliant with the requirements laid down in the GB import certificates.

8. We will keep you informed of developments.

Action for OVSs

9. To note the above information. This OVS note replaces OVS note 23/04.

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