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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### OUTBREAK OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN CHILE

#### Purpose

1. To advise you that a regionalisation protocol for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) was agreed with Chile in June 2023, allowing trade to resume from disease-free provinces.

#### Background

2. The Competent Authority in Chile confirmed an outbreak of HPAI on 13 March 2023 (see [OVS note 2023/05](#)).
3. In accordance with Retained EU legislation, Chile is currently listed for the importation into Great Britain of the commodities listed in the Annex.
4. At that time, we did not have a regionalisation agreement with Chile and as such the following import restrictions were applied to Chile:
  - a. Chile was delisted for the commodities listed in the annex with a closing date of 13 March 2023
  - b. Meat products of poultry and feathered game were also required to be subjected to heat treatment 'D' (70°C throughout the meat).
5. Following the outbreak, the Chilean authorities requested that UK recognise regionalisation for HPAI in order to allow trade to resume.
6. Assessments carried out by the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance and APHA EpiRisk concluded that the control measures implemented by Chile are comparable to those applied in the UK.
7. On the basis of those assessments a regionalisation protocol was agreed between Chile and the UK allowing imports from Chile to GB to resume provided they originated from HPAI-free provinces.

8. On the 16 June 2023, restrictions outlined in paragraph 4 were lifted on HPAI-free provinces.

### Action for OVSs

9. To note the above information.

### Contact point for enquiries

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## Annex

### Live poultry:

- **BPP** - Breeding or productive poultry other than ratites;
- **BPR** - Breeding or productive ratites;
- **DOC** - Day-old chicks other than of ratites;
- **DOR** - Day-old chicks of ratites;
- **HEP** - Hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites;
- **HER** - Hatching eggs of ratites;
- **LT20** - Single consignments of less than 20 units of poultry other than ratites, hatching eggs and day-old chicks;
- **SRA** - Slaughter ratites; and
- **SRP** - Slaughter poultry and poultry for restocking game supplies other than ratites.

### 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)