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EU HPAI REGIONALISATION

Purpose

1. To inform you of changes to the process for recognising EU HPAI regionalisation in GB third country lists for poultry.

Background

2. Since EU Exit, the UK has recognised EU HPAI regionalisation by listing restricted regions in EU MS in the third country list for [poultry and poultry products](#).
3. However, due to delays in the EU Commission providing HPAI zoning updates to the UK, our published lists have not been up-to-date.
4. A new information sharing protocol has recently been agreed with the EU Commission. From now on, the UK will cross-reference EU legislation to identify HPAI restricted regions in EU MS instead of publishing restricted regions in our [poultry and poultry products](#) list.
5. This approach will ensure that GB import restrictions automatically match the HPAI regionalisation established by EU Member States.
6. The new process for EU HPAI regionalisation is described in the Annex.

Action for OVSS

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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Annex

- **Column 3 - 'Description of third country, territory, zone or compartment'**
 - There will no longer be a link to a list of restricted regions in column 3. Instead, the text "EU HPAI restricted regions" will appear with footnote (g).
 - Footnote (g) explains that EU HPAI restricted regions means "the zones restricted by the Competent Authority due to outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza". It also provides links to EU legislation which lists HPAI restricted regions.
- **Column 6A - 'Closing date'**
 - The closing date is defined in the main table as 'Date of confirmation of disease'. This means the date that HPAI was confirmed in the restricted region listed in EU legislation.
 - Defra is currently developing a tool which will provide up-to-date information on HPAI outbreaks in the EU including date of confirmation. We are exploring making this available to BCPs.
- **Column 6B - 'Opening date'**
 - The opening date is defined as the "Date restrictions are lifted by the Competent Authority" with footnote (i). Footnote (i) indicates that the opening date may be found in EU legislation in the "date until applicable" column.