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Food & Rural Affairs

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2025/15

13 February 2025

Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Purpose

1. To inform you that imports of the following commodities from Bosnia and Herzegovina are suspended due to a recent outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza:
 - a. Fresh meat of poultry produced on or after 10 February 2025.
 - b. Meat products from poultry, unless subject to at least heat treatment 'D'.

Background

2. Bosnia and Herzegovina have notified WOAHA of their first case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) since 2017, which was confirmed on 10 February 2025 in a commercial poultry establishment in the district of Kozarde: [WAHIS](#).
3. As a result, Bosnia and Herzegovina have lost their HPAI-free status.
4. To mitigate against the risk of HPAI, the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance amended its third country listings on 13 February 2025 to suspend imports of the following commodities from the whole territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina:
 - a. Fresh meat of poultry produced on or after 10 February 2025. This has been achieved through the insertion of a closing date of 10/02/2025 in column 6A of Bosnia and Herzegovina's entry for fresh poultry meat (POU) in the [Poultry and Poultry Products](#) third country listing. Imports

of fresh meat of poultry produced before 10 February 2025 are still permitted.

- b. Meat products from poultry that have not been subject to at least heat treatment 'D'. Treatment 'D' requires that products are subject to 'A minimum temperature of 70°C which must be reached throughout the meat and/or stomachs, bladders and intestines during the processing of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, or for raw ham, a treatment consisting of natural fermentation and maturation of not less than nine months and resulting in the following characteristics:
- Aw value of not more than 0.93.
 - pH value of not more than 6.0.'

This has been achieved through the application of treatment 'D' in column 7 of Bosnia and Herzegovina's entry in the [Meat Products](#) third country listing.

Action for OVSs

5. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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