



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

APHA Briefing Note 05/23

Updates to movement of Hatching Eggs and Day-Old Chicks through HPAI restricted Zones.

Date issued: 16 February 2023

Purpose

To make Official Veterinarians aware of the movement restrictions on Hatching Eggs and Day-Old Chicks through HPAI restricted zones and to advise of the updates to the Notes for Guidance for EHCs 8453 and 8435.

Background

1. The Animal Health Regulations contain rules on the movement restrictions for hatching eggs and day-old chicks which are not mentioned in the Export Health Certificates (EHCs).
2. Article 99, point B of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, relating to the handling of hatching eggs during transport to the EU states that:

“Hatching Eggs must not have been transported, unloaded in, or moved to another means of transport when transported by road, by sea or by air through a third country or territory or zone thereof which is not listed for entry of the particular species and category of hatching eggs into the Union.”
3. Article 14, Paragraph 2 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, relating to general rules for the dispatch to the EU of terrestrial animals states:

“When transported by air, sea, railway, road or on foot, the consignments referred to in paragraph 1 shall only be permitted to enter the Union if they have not been transported through, unloaded or transhipped in a third country or territory or zone thereof which is not listed for entry into the Union of the specific species and category of animals and their intended use in the Union.”

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

4. The Notes for Guidance for EHCs 8435 and 8453 have been updated to reflect the above and to provide guidance for the movement restrictions on day-old chicks and hatching eggs.

Action

Official veterinarians are requested to read the new amendments to the Notes for Guidance and familiarise themselves with the movement restrictions listed above.

Further Information

APHA's Centre for International Trade – Carlisle, email: exports@apha.gov.uk Telephone: 03000 300 201