



Animal &
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Agency

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Change to HPAI minimum surveillance period from three months to 30 days.

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Purpose

To advise certifiers that EHC 8371 will not be amended by the EU to reflect the change in the minimum HPAI surveillance period from 90 days to 30 days.

Background

The EU has updated Article 38(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 to reduce the minimum period of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza surveillance programme in zones affected by this disease from “three months” to “30 days” following the completion of the stamping out policy and cleaning and disinfection.

Defra has received confirmation that no amendments will be made to EHC 8371 to reflect this change.

The Animal Health attestation II.2.1(c) of this certificate references Article 38 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 in determining that the area/zone is free from HPAI.

The minimum duration that the GB-2 restricted area (also known as an enhanced surveillance zone) applies for exports to the EU now aligns with the minimum duration of the 10km surveillance zones that apply domestically in Great Britain.

For information on HPAI zones, please refer to the [APHA Export Health Certification interactive map](#)

Defra is awaiting confirmation from the European Commission on an update to EHC 8371 to reflect their new position on poultry that has been transported through an HPAI zone.

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.

Action

From 6 February 2023, provided the zone is no longer showing on the interactive map, Official Veterinarians can use the existing EHC 8371 to certify poultry even though the open date may be less than three months from effective C&D.

Further Information

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