

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2024/45

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US HPAI REGIONALISATION

Purpose

- 1. To inform you of changes to the process for updating the <u>List of HPAI-</u> restricted zones in the USA and related changes to the format of that list.
- 2. To inform you of changes to the process for recognising US and Canada HPAI regionalisation in the GB third country list for <u>Poultry and Poultry</u> <u>Products</u>.

Background

- 3. The UK recognises US HPAI regionalisation by listing restricted regions in the List of zones in the USA.
- 4. A new information sharing protocol has recently been agreed with the US to reduce administrative load and expedite recognition of its HPAI zones. From October 2024, the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance will use an online tool provided by the US Competent Authority, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), to update its list.
- 5. As a result, we have amended the format of the <u>List of HPAI-restricted zones</u> in the USA. The changes are outlined in Annex I.
- In addition to the above, minor changes are being made to how US and Canadian HPAI regionalisation is recognised in the <u>Poultry and Poultry</u> <u>Products</u> approved country list for non-EU countries. Until now, information on newly restricted and opened zones relating to US and Canadian HPAI regionalisation have been logged in the 'Recent

Changes' section in the Poultry and Poultry Products list each time a change to zones has been made (roughly once a week). To streamline this list, the individual updates for newly restricted and opened zones in the US and Canada have been removed and replaced by single entries for each country linking to zoning information in the List of HPAI-restricted zones in the USA and List of HPAI-restricted zones in Canada, respectively. These changes are outlined in Annex II.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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Annex I

Changes to the List of HPAI Zones in the USA

• Header

- Textual changes have been made to the header section of the list to reflect that GPS coordinates are no longer provided on the list. Changes are italicised below.
- **Previous text:** 'In some cases, additional restrictions may apply and the actual restricted zone may exceed a 10km radius around the *GPS coordinates* indicated below.

*Please note, GPS coordinates are approximate. For further information please contact the U.S. authorities'

Current text: 'In some cases, additional restrictions may apply and the actual restricted zone may exceed a 10km radius around the affected premises indicated below. Approximate GPS coordinates for the Outbreak References listed below are published online at: WAHIS (woah.org). For further information on restrictions of exports of live poultry, hatching eggs or other poultry-related commodities related to the outbreaks referenced below please contact <u>ukassurance@defra.gov.uk</u>.'

Table

- The 'Region' column has been replaced by two columns:
 - USDA/APHIS Outbreak Reference' (column 2)
 - Location (State, County) (column 3)
- The GPS coordinates previously reported in the 'Region' column will no longer be included in the list, as such information is not provided in the new APHIS tool. Approximate coordinates can instead be found on the WAHIS site, linked to in the header, by using the 'outbreak reference' (column 2).
- The 'Closing date (a)' and 'Opening date (b)' columns previously columns 3 and 4 are now columns 4 and 5, respectively.
- As duplicate entries have been removed from the previous list, the territory codes for several restricted zones have changed.
- Please see below for an example of the changes to the US HPAI-restricted Zones list:

Previous Version

1	2	3	4
Territory Code			Opening date (b)
US 2.5	Territory of United States corresponding to: State of Indiana with Geographic Coordinates Dubois-02 Lat 38.28256, Long-86.87607 in Dubois	16/02/2022	05/07/2022

county and the 10km surrounding control zone to the above coordinates	

Current Version

1	2	3	4	5
Territory Code	USDA/APHIS Outbreak Reference	Location (County, State)	Closing date (a)	Opening date (b)
US 2.4	Dubois 02	Dubois County, Indiana	16/02/2022	05/07/2022

Annex II

Changes to the Poultry and Poultry Products Third Country List

• The individual updates for newly restricted and opened zones in the US have been replaced by a single entry, which reads as follows:

The UK continues to recognise highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) regionalisation for the United States. Imports of live poultry (BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SRP, SRA, LT20) and fresh poultry meat (POU, RAT, WGM) are prohibited from zones under restriction due HPAI outbreaks, from the date of confirmation of disease (closing date) until the date restrictions are lifted (opening date). Zoning information can be found <u>here</u> for the United States.

• The individual updates for newly restricted and opened zones in Canada have been replaced by a single entry, which reads as follows:

The UK continues to recognise highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) regionalisation for Canada. Imports of live poultry (BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SRP, SRA, LT20) and fresh poultry meat (POU, RAT, WGM) are prohibited from zones under restriction due HPAI outbreaks, from the date of confirmation of disease (closing date) until the date restrictions are lifted (opening date). Zoning information can be found <u>here</u> for Canada.

Country	Description of Change	Date of Update
United States	Restrictions on the following zones have been lifted: US 2.649.	16/09/2024
United States	Restrictions on the following zones have been lifted: US 2.593, US 2.643 and US 2.656.	09/09/2024
United States	Restrictions on the following zones have been lifted: US 2.585, US 2.644, US 2.639 and US 2.640.	02/09/2024

Previous Version

Current Version

Country	Description of Change	Date of Update
States	The UK continues to recognise highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) regionalisation for the United States. Imports of live poultry (BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SRP, SRA, LT20) and fresh poultry meat (POU, RAT, WGM) are prohibited from zones under restriction due HPAI outbreaks, from the date of confirmation of disease (closing date) until the date restrictions are lifted (opening date). Zoning information can be found <u>here</u> for the United States.	17/10/20 24

	The UK continues to recognise highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) regionalisation for Canada. Imports of live poultry (BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SRP, SRA, LT20) and fresh poultry meat (POU, RAT, WGM) are prohibited from zones under restriction due HPAI outbreaks, from the date of confirmation of disease (closing date) until the date restrictions are lifted (opening date). Zoning information can be found <u>here</u> for Canada.	24
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