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Subject: European Union: EU -HPAI ban on the Entire United States: Effects Certificates for Most Poultry Derivatives that are not highly processed: 3E, 3F, 4C, 8, and RCG

Good morning all.

As you may have heard, NVSL confirmed on April 8, 2020 HPAI in a commercial turkey meat premises in South Carolina. APHIS attempted to convince the EU to zone and ban only a portion of South Carolina (or at least only South Carolina), but the EU has insisted that their regulation requires USDA to (at least temporarily) immediately stop endorsement of the certificates for fresh/frozen meat to and transiting the EU from the entire United States. They have indicated that, after we provide certain information factors (which we are developing with our Regionalization and Poultry Programs Staffs) they will consider publishing a regulation amendment to zone the United States (it would likely create an affected US-2 zone, and make the rest of the United States US-1 which would be eligible). While it would take the EU weeks to months to actually finalize that regulation, historically they've been willing to (once it has been developed) send a fax of it to Member States encouraging them to honor it immediately upon receipt, and FSIS has then been able to update the export library. We are hopeful the fax will be sent next week.

But in the meantime, it's necessary for APHIS to discontinue endorsement of all the following certificates for products derived from poultry (excluding eggs- products produced from eggs remain eligible):

- 3(E) – flavoring innards
- 3(F) – fresh/frozen animal byproducts for the manufacture of pet food
- 4(C)- blood products
- 8- animal byproducts for purposes other than human or animal consumption
- RCG – raw materials for the manufacture of gelatin/collagen for human consumption (no one is approved for the RCG for materials derived from poultry, so this should have no affect).

When the EU updates zones to a smaller region we will send an update.

The IREGS will be updated as soon as possible (likely this morning) to reflect the above.

Sincerely,

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