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SOURCE: **COMMITTEE ON TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES OF POULTRY AND OTHER AVIAN SPECIES**

SUBJECT MATTER: **Use of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Secure Egg Supply Plans, Secure Broiler Supply Plans and Secure Turkey Supply Plans during an HPAI Event**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In the event of a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak, ensuring market continuity for the poultry industry is a significant challenge. Through continuity of business planning prior to an HPAI outbreak, the standards outlined in the various Secure Poultry Supply Plans promote food security and animal health. Developed collaboratively by multi-disciplinary groups of industry, public and academic partners familiar with HPAI and the different industry segments, the Secure Poultry Supply Plans provide clear recommendations for emergency response leaders to facilitate the movement of poultry products in a safe and timely manner during an HPAI event.

Poultry and poultry products may be live animals or products with limited shelf life. Appropriate timely but safe movement is essential to poultry welfare and product safety as well as business continuity. Brief interruptions in poultry or product movement can have very serious welfare and product quality consequences. The Secure Poultry Supply Plans provide a transparent process for the movement of products during an HPAI outbreak, benefiting consumer, producers, regulators and the animals themselves. The science-and risk-based recommendations provided in these Plans provide a high degree of confidence that the health of uninfected flocks will not be endangered by the movement of poultry or poultry products and that HPAI virus will not enter commerce in a hazardous manner.

The Secure Poultry Supply Plans provide guidelines that have been developed and agreed upon by poultry producers, processors, poultry disease experts and public health experts as well as federal and state officials. However, a defined mechanism to update and alter the Plans is necessary as additional risk assessments, research and experience become available. The Secure Poultry Supply Plans are available for reference as needed.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests that regulatory and industry entities involved in Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) control strategies, utilize the Secure Poultry Supply Plans in the development of their HPAI response efforts.

USAHA requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service consider including proposed revisions of the Secure Poultry Supply Plans as a responsibility of the National Poultry Improvement Plan to review and update at biennial conference meetings of Plan participants.

INTERIM RESPONSE:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the U.S. Animal Health Association and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

VS plans on using the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Biennial Conference that is held every 2 years as a mechanism for discussion and comment on updated or revised Secure Poultry Supply plans. Revised plans will be distributed to NPIP members prior to the meeting to allow the NPIP Technical Committee, General Conference Committee, and attending delegation members the opportunity to review and prepare comments prior to the conference. Comments would be captured, considered and any necessary revisions would be made. Final revised versions of the plan would be made available to all stakeholders. The next Biennial Conference will be held in Bellevue, Washington, from August 30-September 1, 2016.