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SOURCE:

**COMMITTEE ON POULTRY AND OTHER AVIAN SPECIES
COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL HEALTH AND TRADE**

SUBJECT MATTER:

United States Compartmentalization Program Recognition

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is the federal government's poultry disease control program administered in cooperation with state animal health officials and poultry producers. The program "Compartmentalization for Protection Against Avian Influenza and/or Newcastle Disease in Primary Poultry Breeding Companies in the United States of America" (NPIP Compartmentalization) was approved by the NPIP in 2014. Poultry primary breeding companies in the United States (US) rely on the ability to export to maintain a steady global supply of breeding stock and account for over 50% of global market share for each egg-type and meat-type chicken and turkey breeders.

Compartmentalization recognition by trading partners would allow for an uninterrupted supply of breeding stock internationally even in the event of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza. Such recognition is achieved by bilateral agreements.

From the adoption of the NPIP to August 2022, only Indonesia has recognized such programs for the importation of breeding stock of poultry from the US, while Hong Kong only accepts compartmentalization for transit purposes but not importation. No other country thus far recognizes the NPIP program.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to officially engage in bilateral negotiations to establish recognition and acceptance of the National Poultry Improvement Plan compartmentalization program with our trading partners for the continuation of international trade in the event of another highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak in the United States. The USAHA recommends negotiations be initiated through official communications from USDA-APHIS-VS' Chief Veterinary Officer, to their counterparts in key trading partner countries, such as the United Kingdom, European Union, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina.

INTERIM RESPONSE:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

APHIS remains committed to working with trading partners. APHIS VS recently hosted the United Kingdom to assess U.S. poultry compartments and awaits the final report from this visit. In addition, APHIS VS discussed acceptance of U.S. compartments with other trading partners, including Australia and Japan; some of our key partners requested we delay discussions until after the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak has subsided. In the meantime, APHIS VS continues to explore other opportunities for trading partners to accept U.S. poultry compartments.