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## **MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO AVIAN INFLUENZA**

### **Purpose**

As Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) type H5 has been confirmed in a flock of broiler breeder chickens at a commercial farm in mid Suffolk, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) wishes to advise importers of interim movement requirements being implemented for poultry and hatching eggs, ornamental fowl, racing pigeons and captive birds from Great Britain.

### **Movements from Great Britain to Northern Ireland including consignments that transit the Republic of Ireland**

Importers are advised that the existing general licences relating to poultry and hatching eggs, ornamental fowl, racing pigeons and captive birds are being revoked and that new specific licensing arrangements will be implemented with effect from noon on Friday 13 December 2019. Consignments currently in transit will be allowed to enter Northern Ireland with the documentation that was current at the time of export.

Anyone wishing to move birds in the categories referred to above or requiring further information should contact Veterinary Service Trade Section on 028 774 42096 or email [tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk)

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Imports of poultry meat, meat products and table eggs have not been restricted and importers should continue to import these categories using the appropriate general licence available on the DAERA website.

### **Intra Community Trade**

EU exports in live poultry, hatching eggs and poultry meat can continue as normal from all areas of the United Kingdom, the only exception being the restricted area in mid-Suffolk, England where the disease has been confirmed.

### **Third Country Trade**

Exporters should be aware that in the current situation, some export consignments for live birds and other poultry commodities may not be able to go ahead due to specific export health requirements. As the situation in respect of exports to Third Countries remains fluid, prospective exporters should contact Veterinary Service Trade Section on 028 774 42096 or email [tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:tradeadminpost@daera-ni.gov.uk) for further information.

Yours faithfully



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