

USA detects avian influenza in 4 counties

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The USA has reported outbreaks of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in several regions, including Newaygo County, Ottawa County, and Gratiot County in Michigan, as well as Dodge County in Minnesota. Due to these outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) will temporarily restrict the importation of ornamental birds, poultry, and poultry products from the 10km radius restricted area around the affected premises, effective from the respective dates as stated below.

It's important to note that heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction. To ensure the clearance of permits for poultry and poultry products, the following attestations must be included in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the import of poultry and poultry products:

- a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a notifiable disease in the United States.
- b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against HPAI, as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).
- c) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from poultry originating from areas within the 10 km radius restricted zone(s) established around a premise affected with HPAI in poultry as defined by the WOAH.
- d) The birds from which the meat was derived were hatched, raised, and slaughtered in the United States, or were legally imported as day-old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.