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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 18
Series of 2021

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *United Kingdom*

WHEREAS, Section 6 and 7 (2) and (4) of Executive Order No. 292 provides the authority and responsibility for the exercise of the mandate of the Department and for the discharge of its powers and functions shall be vested in the Secretary, who shall have supervision and control of the Department, to establish the policies and standards for the operation of the Department pursuant to the approved programs of government and promulgate administrative issuances necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and the proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

WHEREAS, Section 1770 of Act No. 2711 (Revised Administrative Code of 1917) which was adopted by incorporation together with Sections 1761-1769, in Section 5 of Act 3639 (Charter of Bureau of Animal Industry) empowers the Department Head to issue a general order preventing the entry of animals, animal effects, parts or products from any country with dangerous communicable animal disease;


WHEREAS, based on the official report submitted by Dr Christine Middlemiss, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, London, United Kingdom to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on November 18 2020, that there was an outbreak of H5N8 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus in South Derbyshire, England affecting birds as confirmed by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), Weybridge;

WHEREAS, the outbreaks have continuously spread to other areas in England such as South Derbyshire, N, Dorset, aside from the previously reported Frodsham, Hereford, Leicestershire, Hambleton, Breckland, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk.

WHEREAS, DA Memorandum Order 76 series of 2020 has already imposed a ban on the whole of England, United Kingdom due to its widespread outbreaks;

WHEREAS, other countries of the United Kingdom such as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have already been infected with HPAI, aside from England;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the entry of HPAI virus to protect the health of the local poultry population;


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NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby institute the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from United Kingdom:

- 1 Banning the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs, and semen;
- 2 Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities;
- 3 All shipments IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the British authorities shall be allowed provided the products were not sourced from the following areas: (1) whole of England; (2) Scotland – Orkney Islands; (3) Northern Ireland - Nr Lisburn, Nr Clough; (4) Isle of Anglesey.
- 4 All other shipments accepted at the port of origin the day after the date of official communication to the British authorities are therefore advised not to sail.
- 5 Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above stated commodities (with the exception on heat treated products) into the country by all Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of entry if the provisions written in Item 3 are not followed.
- 6 Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in Article 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019)¹.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 5th day of March 2021.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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¹Heat treated products are acceptable following chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019) provided that in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate, the Competent Authority will include in the certification the following:

- Temperature and the duration of heating or pasteurization of products; and
- There is no commingling of raw materials with any other materials of animal origin.

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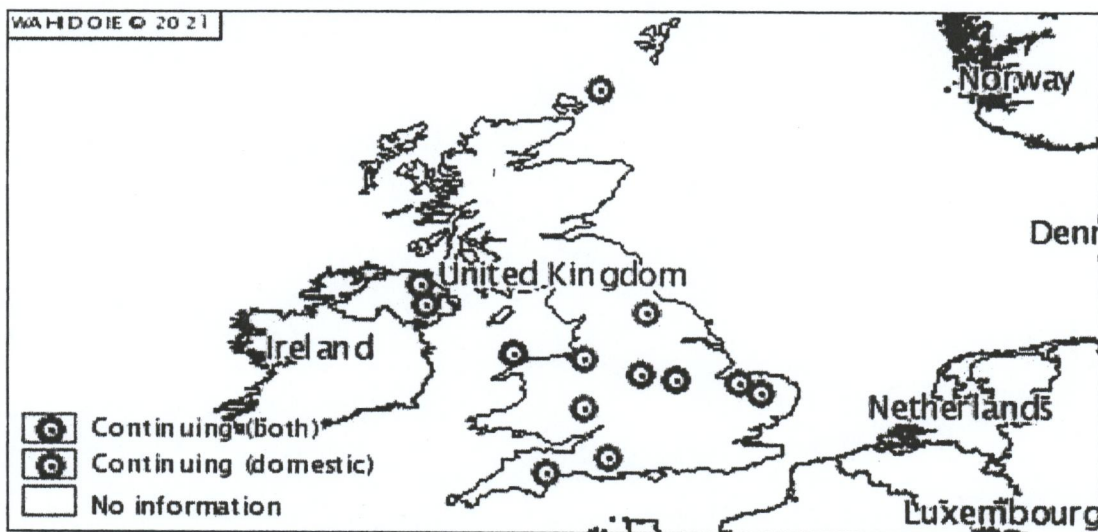
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DATE OF START OF EVENT	DISTRICT	COUNTRY	STATUS
10/24/2020	Frodsham	England	Continuing
11/9/2020	Hereford	England	Continuing
11/18/2020	Leicestershire	England	Continuing
11/26/2020	Hambleton	England	Continuing
12/1/2020	Hambleton	England	Continuing
12/1/2020	Breckland	England	Continuing
12/3/2020	Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	England	Continuing
12/13/2020	South Derbyshire	England	Continuing
12/13/2020	Orkney Islands	Scotland	Continuing
12/16/2020	N Dorset	England	Continuing
12/11/2020	Breckland	England	Continuing
12/24/2020	Breckland	England	Continuing
12/24/2020	East Devon	England	Continuing
12/27/2020	Nr Lisburn	Northern Ireland	Continuing
12/27/2020	Nr Clough	Northern Ireland	Continuing
1/24/2021	Isle of Anglesey	Wales	Continuing

Given that the HPAI has already spread in all the four countries of United Kingdom in a span of three months, it is recommended that a countrywide ban be imposed to the United Kingdom. Previous suspension Order was just limited to the whole of England only. HPAI in UK has already killed 203,128 birds.



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