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**USDA SEEKS COMMENTS ON ITS EVALUATION OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH  
STATUS OF SAXONY, GERMANY**

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has prepared an evaluation of the animal health status of Saxony, Germany, relative to the H5N1 subtype of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The evaluation presents its assessment of the HPAI H5N1 detection, control and eradication measures in place in Saxony, Germany, during an outbreak of HPAI in 2008, as well as our assessment of the present status of Saxony, Germany, with respect to HPAI subtype H5N1. We are making this evaluation available to the public for review and comment. If, after the close of the comment period, APHIS can identify no additional risk factors that would indicate that domestic poultry in Saxony, Germany, continue to be affected with HPAI H5N1, it would conclude that the importation of live birds, poultry carcasses, parts of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds or other birds from the affected region of Saxony, Germany, presents a low risk of introducing HPAI H5N1 into the United States.

This notice is scheduled for publication in the June 12 *Federal Register*.

Consideration will be given to comments received on or before July 13. You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0121> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0121, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0121.

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