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USDA PROPOSES TO ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE BIRDS, POULTRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS FROM POLAND AND GERMANY

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public of its determination regarding the high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) subtype H5N1 status of Germany and Poland following outbreaks in 2006 and 2007. Based on assessments of the animal health status of the two countries, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, APHIS has determined that the importation of live birds, poultry carcasses, parts or products of poultry carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds and other birds from either Germany (except Saxony, Germany) or Poland presents a low risk of introducing HPAI H5N1 into the United States.

Notice of this action is scheduled for publication in the June 5 *Federal Register* and becomes effective June 22.

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