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Report Highlights:

On February 1, 2008, the Polish Veterinary Authorities announced that due to lack of new Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak sites in Poland since December 22, 2007, the EC Decision No. 2008/70/EC imposing AI related restrictions including regional trade bans in Poland has expired. This change means there are no longer any restrictions on the flow of poultry from Poland to other EU member states. However, the United States, Russia, Belarus, Hong Kong, Ukraine and Japan have not yet lifted their AI-based trade restrictions for the affected regions.

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On January 22, 2008, the Polish Secretary of Agriculture issued a regulation modifying restrictions on maintenance of poultry issued after first outbreak of HPAI in Poland on December 1, 2007. The new regulation relaxes certain limitations regarding maintenance of ducks and geese in breeding flocks and allows organization of poultry shows under strict supervision of local veterinary service if they are located outside the zones recently affected by the AI outbreaks. All other restrictions regarding maintenance of poultry imposed in December 2007 remain in force and are expected to be lifted at the end of February 2008.

Previous reports on the HPAI outbreak in Poland starting with the most recent report:

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Update and Market Implications

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293368.pdf>

Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak Widens

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293233.pdf>

New Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak in Poland

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293231.pdf>

Update on AI Outbreak in Poland

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293177.pdf>

Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200712/146293145.pdf>