
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 7 Combined with 24

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**SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON POULTRY AND OTHER AVIAN SPECIES
COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL ANIMAL HEALTH AND TRADE**

**SUBJECT MATTER: United States Compartmentalization Program Recognition – Final
Response to Resolution 4 Combined With Resolution 29 From 2022
United State Animal Health Association Annual Meeting**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the 2022 annual meeting, the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) adopted Resolution 4 requesting that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) engage with foreign trading partners to seek their recognition of the poultry primary breeding compartments under the USDA National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). The Committee on Global Animal Health and Trade concluded that the final response from USDA-APHIS-VS has been satisfactory.

From the adoption of the compartmentalization program by the USDA NPIP in 2014 (and the first certification of a compartment in the United States (US) in 2017) to date, only Indonesia has agreed to recognize this program, while Hong Kong only approves transshipments but not importation. No other country thus far recognizes the USDA NPIP program. In contrast, the United Kingdom has achieved greater recognition of their similar compartmentalization program by several of their trading partners.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to prioritize efforts to seek recognition of poultry primary breeding compartments under the United States Department of Agriculture National Poultry Improvement Plan with the following countries as priorities based on feedback from the Association of Poultry Primary Breeder Veterinarians and are critical to the global supply of genetic stock of meat- and egg-type chickens: Brazil, United Kingdom, Australia, Mexico, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Canada and Argentina.

USAHA also requests USDA-APHIS-VS to update the Global Animal Health and Trade, and the Poultry and Other Avian Species committees on a quarterly basis to seek input from these committees to help and support trade negotiating efforts by USDA-APHIS-VS.

INTERIM RESPONSE:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

Since the initiation of HPAI compartments under NPIP, VS has worked diligently to negotiate trading partner acceptance of U.S compartments to support primary breeder exports.

Until 2024, we had limited success in obtaining this acceptance for a variety of reasons, including a lack of trading partner understanding about the compartmentalization concept or regulations to allow the approval of foreign compartments, hesitation to accept compartments before they had been tested by an HPAI outbreak, requirements for a site visit before acceptance, and limited response to VS requests to engage about compartments.

Despite these challenges, VS efforts have led to advancements in trading partner acceptance. Since January 2024, three additional countries have accepted U.S. compartments, doubling the number of countries that accepted between 2019 and 2023. Trading partners currently accepting exports from compartments include Egypt, Indonesia, Hong Kong (transits only), Uruguay, Namibia, and Colombia. VS is dedicated to continuing negotiations with trading partners, including those listed as priorities above, and is hopeful that acceptance of U.S. compartments will continue to expand.

VS met with the poultry industry, including primary breeder representatives, in February 2024 to discuss compartmentalization and to provide a status update. VS commits to continuing these communications with industry stakeholders about the progress on acceptance of U.S. HPAI compartments by trading partners on at least a quarterly basis. VS would also be pleased to update the USAHA poultry committee upon request.