

Trade restrictions due to Avian Influenza

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Examples of countries which have accepted regionalisation for recent outbreaks of AI- either for all MSs or to some MSs – either for all or some products

- US, Canada
- Saudi Arabia, UAE, Oman
- Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore
- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Serbia, Moldova
- Angola, Iran, Turkey
- Mexico
- Ukraine
- Russia (regionalisation only for hatching eggs/live birds)

Countries currently blocking the whole country due to AI outbreaks

- Asian countries: China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand
- South-Africa
- Algeria, Morocco
- Israel
- Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka
- Cameroon, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Sudan
- Barbados

Lifting the ban after country free status

- Experiences from previous outbreaks: timelines to recognise country freedom after outbreaks, examples:
- 3-5 months: Japan, Singapore
- 5-7 months: Australia, Malaysia, Morocco, The Philippines
- 7-9 months: South Korea, South Africa, Kenya
- 9-11 months: Brazil, India
- 11-13 months: Algeria, Indonesia
- 13-15 months: Iraq
- >15 months: China, Thailand

Highlights positive developments

- Ukraine: mutual recognition of regionalisation for AI agreed
- Thailand: recognition of regionalisation for FR – pilot
- Recognition of regionalisation in trade – topic is actively discussed in WTO SPS Committee – support from other main trading partners such as USA.

What can Commission do?

(1) During the trade restrictions:

- Bilateral: raise the concern bilaterally with the third country: in writing and/ or appropriate meetings
- Multilateral: raise in appropriate multilateral platform; including within the WTO – next meeting WTO SPS meeting Geneva 22-23 March

(2) "In advance in peace time": recognition for the EU before the outbreak (FTA SPS Chapters, recognition solutions)

- Information sharing of the EU measures for confidence: Seminars, study trips

Information exchange between the COM and MSs - regionalisation

- COM re-emphasizing the co-ordinated messages towards third countries and asking Member States to provide feedback on any developments
- General line to take towards third countries
- *Summary Table of third countries imposing bans*
- *Guidance document: EU export of animals and animal products- Regionalisation*

Thank you