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Dear ,

I am writing to provide an update on the case of Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) H5N1 that was confirmed on Wednesday 13th January at a premises in Dunfermline.

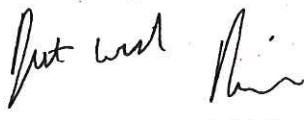
The humane culling of the flock of almost 40,000 hens (broiler parent flock) has been completed along with the disposal of carcasses and eggs from the Infected Premises (IP).

In line with our obligations under EU legislation, the Restricted Zone surrounding the IP will remain in place for at least 21 days following preliminary cleansing and disinfection. This will be 00:01 hrs on 11th February 2016, at the earliest.

For trade to Third countries, this case will not interfere with the UK's ability to self-declare freedom from HPAI, according to the OIE guidelines, which will still go ahead on the 17th February 2016. However, certain certificates for Third country trade may take time to re-establish as this case will mean the UK does not have disease freedom from Notifiable Avian Disease. The timescale to regain disease freedom from Notifiable Avian Disease is usually 3 months after completion of secondary cleansing and disinfection.

Full details of restrictions and further information about Avian Influenza are provided in the GB Notifiable Avian Disease Control Strategy (which is available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/468294/avian-disease-control-strategy-2015.pdf) and on the Scottish Government's Avian Influenza webpage at: www.gov.scot/avianinfluenza

I hope this is helpful.



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