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Dear Rob,

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

In line with our obligations under EU legislation, the Restricted Zone surrounding the IP has remained in place for at least 21 days following preliminary cleansing and disinfection. These restrictions were lifted at 00:01 hrs on 11th February 2016.

The timescale for the UK to regain disease freedom from Avian Influenza (AI) is usually 90 days from completion of secondary cleansing and disinfection. Certain certificates for Third Country trade are dependent on the UK having freedom from Avian Influenza.

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](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](http://www.gov.scot/avianinfluenza)

I hope this is helpful.

**RICHARD LOCHHEAD**

