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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 40  
Series of 2021

**SUBJECT: LIFTING THE TEMPORARY BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM *Lethebridge, Victoria, Australia***

**WHEREAS**, based on the final report submitted by the veterinary authorities of Australia to the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) events in Lethebridge, Victoria, Australia (*with previous temporary suspension order: DA MO No. 59 series of 2020*) are now closed and resolved;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance to the provisions of Chapter 10.4, article 10.4.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2019, Lethebridge, Victoria, Australia is now free from HPAI;

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture, the risk of contamination from importing poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible;


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby lift the temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products originating from Lethebridge, Victoria, Australia;

All import transaction of the above bird species shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry.

All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 2nd day of July 2021

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 59  
Series of 2020

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO DA MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 40 SERIES OF 2020 ON THE IMPORTATION OF DOMESTIC AND WILD BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING POULTRY MEAT, DAY OLD CHICKS, EGGS AND SEMEN ORIGINATING FROM AUSTRALIA**

**WHEREAS**, as reflected in the official reports of Dr Mark Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Australian Government, Canberra, Australia in the World Organisation for Animal Health, the H7N7 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been limited to Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia since its first report on 31 July 2020;

**WHEREAS**, based on the documents submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment of Australia, immediate disease control measures were carried out by their veterinary services to contain the HPAI;

**WHEREAS**, after careful evaluation of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) on the documentary evidences of the veterinary services of Australia, the risk of contamination from importing domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day old chicks, eggs and semen outside Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia is negligible;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR**, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend DA Memorandum Order No. 40 series of 2020 with the following measures:

1. The importation of the abovementioned commodities will be allowed provided it will be sourced from areas outside Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia
2. Additional attestations on the veterinary health certificate on all exports of poultry meat from Australia in accordance to Article 10.4.19. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019):
  - a. The birds were kept in a country, zone or compartment free from infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses in poultry since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days;
  - b. The birds were slaughtered in an approved abattoir in a country, zone or compartment free from infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza viruses in poultry and have been subjected to ante- and post-mortem inspections in accordance with Chapter 6.3 and have been found free of any signs suggestive of avian influenza.

All import transaction of the above commodities shall be in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service.

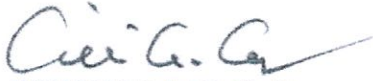
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All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 6th day of November 2020.



**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**

Secretary

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Follow-up report 7 (Final report)

21/12/2020

The event is resolved. No more follow-up reports will be submitted.

Sender	Country/territory	Report ID
Delegate of Australia	Australia	FUR_37191
Event status	Self-declaration	
Resolved	No	

**General information**

Country or zone - Zone	Disease - Highly pathogenic avian influenza (poultry)	Started on - 24/07/2020
Animal type - Terrestrial	Genotype/serotype/subtype - H7N7	Confirmed on - 31/07/2020
Causal agent - Highly pathogenic avian influenza virus	Ended on - 30/11/2020	Disease category - OIE-listed
Reported on - 21/12/2020	Last occurrence - 21/02/2014	Reason - Recurrence

**Epidemiology**

Source of the event or origin of the infection

- Unknown or inconclusive
- Contact with wild species

Epidemiological comments Decontamination has been completed on all three affected properties. Decontamination of the composting site (required temperatures for required time) achieved on 11 December 2020. Surveillance is ongoing.

**Control measures at event level**

**Domestic control measures**

Applied

- Disinfection
- Movement control inside the country
- Quarantine
- Stamping out
- Surveillance outside containment and or the protection zone
- Surveillance within containment and or the protection zone
- Traceability

**Wild control measures**

Applied

- Disinfection
- Movement control inside the country
- Quarantine
- Stamping out
- Surveillance outside containment and or the protection zone
- Surveillance within containment and or the protection zone
- Traceability

**Diagnostic**

Clinical signs - Yes	Method of diagnostic
	- Necropsy
	- Diagnostic test
	- Clinical

Test name	Category	Test type	Laboratory	Species sampled	Outbreaks	Tested from	Tested until	Result
Real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR)	Nucleic acid detection	Laboratory Test	Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness	Birds		30/07/2020		Positive
Gene sequencing	Genotyping	Laboratory Test	Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness	Birds		31/07/2020		Positive
Real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR)	Nucleic acid detection	Laboratory Test	AgriBio Centre	Birds		29/07/2020		Positive
Real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR)	Nucleic acid detection	Laboratory Test	Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness	Birds		05/08/2020		Positive
Real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR)	Nucleic acid detection	Laboratory Test	AgriBio Centre	Birds		05/08/2020		Positive

### Quantitative data summary

#### Measuring unit - Animal

Species	Type	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and disposed of	Slaughtered	Vaccinated	Outbreak morbidity	Outbreak mortality
Birds	New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birds	Total	435378	255012	1874	433504	0	-	-	-
All species	New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All species	Total	435378	255012	1874	433504	0	-	-	-

### Outbreaks

#### 1000134680-Lethbridge

Started on - 24/07/2020

First administrative division - Victoria

Ended on - 30/11/2020

Second administrative division - Golden Plains

Epidemiological unit - Farm

Geographic coordinates - -37.9667,144.1333

Location - Lethbridge

Description of the affected population One free range property with two separate sheds.

Species	Type	Measuring unit	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and disposed of	Slaughtered	Vaccinated
Birds	New	Animal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birds	Total	Animal	43500	43500	1669	41831	0	-

All species	New	Animal	-	-	-	-	-	-
All species	Total	Animal	43500	43500	1669	41831	0	-

### 1000135030-Lethbridge

Started on - 05/08/2020

First administrative division - Victoria

Ended on - 30/11/2020

Second administrative division - Golden Plains

Epidemiological unit - Farm

Geographic coordinates -  
-37.9667,144.1333

Location - Lethbridge

Description of the affected population Mixed free-range, caged and barn laid layer poultry farm. All free range birds housed from 31 July 2020.

Species	Type	Measuring unit	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and disposed of	Slaughtered	Vaccinated
Birds	New	Animal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birds	Total	Animal	355000	211512	190	354810	0	-
All species	New	Animal	-	-	-	-	-	-
All species	Total	Animal	355000	211512	190	354810	0	-

### 1000135643-Lethbridge

Started on - 23/08/2020

First administrative division - Victoria

Ended on - 30/11/2020

Second administrative division - Golden Plains

Epidemiological unit - Farm

Geographic coordinates -  
-37.9667,144.1333

Location - Lethbridge

Description of the affected population commercial free-range layer farm inside the Lethbridge restricted area

Species	Type	Measuring unit	Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and disposed of	Slaughtered	Vaccinated
Birds	New	Animal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birds	Total	Animal	36878	-	15	36863	0	-
All species	New	Animal	-	-	-	-	-	-
All species	Total	Animal	36878	-	15	36863	0	-

## Map legend

### OUTBREAKS REPRESENTATION ON MAP

#### OUTBREAKS NATURE

Single / Cluster

Domestic species



Wild species



Domestic & Wild



#### OUTBREAKS STATUS

Outbreak currently reported



Ongoing outbreak



Resolved outbreak



#### AGGREGATION REPRESENTATION

< 20 outbreaks

11

20 - 100 outbreaks

50

> 100 outbreaks

120



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Outbreak locations have been provided by the relevant Veterinary Services and may not represent the exact location of displayed