

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Trader Notice: MH 11/2012

To: Operators of all approved meat establishments

Subject: Temporary restrictions on the importation of Irish poultry and poultry products to the Russian Federation

Following the recent outbreak of the low pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N2) in Cork, the Russian authorities have advised us of temporary changes to their veterinary health certification requirements.

They have imposed a temporary ban, with effect from April 13th 2012, on imports from County Cork to the Russian Federation of live birds, hatching eggs, down and feathers, poultry meat and all aspects of poultry production, including non thermal processing, (not less than 70°C), feed and feed additives for birds and used equipment for birds housing, slaughter and cutting.

In addition they have stipulated that all Veterinary Health Certificates for the aforementioned products intended for the Russian Federation should be amended henceforth. Specifically, **in the fourth point, after the sentence containing the words “avian influenza”, the words “excluding County Cork” should be added.** This addition may be made by hand, though it **must** be certified by the signature and seal of the official veterinarian who signed the veterinary certificate.

It is the responsibility of the trader to ensure that the veterinary health certificate contains the necessary addition.

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