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Betreft The Netherlands' self-declaration of freedom from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry, dated 8 July 2026

Dear Mr. Dellaert,

This letter is to confirm that the Netherlands has regained its HPAI free status in accordance with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) guidelines on 8 July 2026.

From October 2025 to May 2026, HPAI H5N1 outbreaks have occurred in commercial poultry holdings in the Netherlands. The last outbreak was confirmed on 23 May 2026 in Marrum, the province of Friesland. The cleaning and disinfection was completed on 10 June 2026. The WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code states that a country's free status can be regained 28 days after the disinfection of the last affected establishment has been completed, provided that surveillance has been carried out (article 10.4.6).

Having met these conditions, the Netherlands submitted its final report of the outbreaks to WOAH and the events are considered resolved. The self-declaration has also been submitted. These documents can be accessed via:

- https://wahis.woah.org/#/in-event/6856/dashboard
- https://www.woah.org/app/uploads/2026/07/2026-07-thenetherlands-hpai-selfd.pdf

I would also like to emphasize that the HPAI status of the Netherlands can be verified on the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) at all times.

I hope this information proves useful in the resumption of trade in poultry and poultry products from the Netherlands.

Kind regards,

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