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> COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOTICE OF AMENDED GENERAL QUARANTINE ORDER OF MARCH 25, 1993

On January 20, 1993, the Commonwealth of Permsylvania, Department of Agriculture, adopted a General Quarantine Order due to the presence of H5N2 Avian Influenza pursuant to the authority granted by Section 1702 of the "Administrative Code", Act of June 7, 1923 (P.L. 498, No. 274) (71 P.S. § 442), Section 6 of the Act of July 22, 1913 (P.L. 928, No. 441), (71 P.S. § 1221) and the Act of April 17, 1929 (P.L. 533, No. 236) as amended by the Act of May 10, 1974 (P.L. 287, No. 87), 3 P.S. § § 341 et seq.. On February 12, 1993, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture, adopted an Order which amended the General Quarantine Order. Further amendment to the General Quarantine Order was adopted March 25, 1993, to require negative influenza tests to qualify poultry for movement in Pennsylvania. Avian Influenza is a disease of domestic poultry caused by exposure to Type A Influenza Virus.

Certain additional amendments to the General Quarantine Order are now necessary to ease restrictions of poultry due to evidence of an abatement of the disease. Surveillance of poultry movements and investigation of influenza exposed markets during the past six weeks indicate the risk of H5N2 influenza to poultry has been greatly reduced. Whereas pre-movement test requirements have impeded the marketing of poultry from small flocks, it is important to ease marketing restrictions in line with reduction of influenza risk. These amendments remove pre-movement test requirements for the transportation of poultry and provide additional criteria for release of non-infected flocks from quarantine. The Interstate H5N2 Avian Influenza Quarantine Order of February 12, 1993 restricting the importation of live poultry has been rescinded effective June 1, 1993. These amendments will reduce the cost of influenza prevention but will maintain effective measures to detect and contain H5N2 avian influenza in domestic poultry.

Further Information: Further information is available by contacting Dr. Max A. Van Buskirk, Jr., Director, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, telephone: (717) 783-6677.

Effective Date: The Amended General Quarantine Order contained in Annex A was adopted on June 1, 1993 and was

effective immediately upon adoption. Notice of adoption of the amended quarantine is being provided by publication in full in Lancaster Farming and Harrisburg Patriot News. In addition, the Department is issuing public announcements and press releases regarding the imposition of the quarantine and directly notified numerous affected parties.

Boyd E. Wolff Secretary Department of Agriculture

ANNEX "A"

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AMENDED GENERAL QUARANTINE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has declared and hereby declares that H5N2 Avian Influenza is a disease of a dangerous transmissible nature;

WHEREAS, the H5N2 Avian Influenza virus poses a serious risk to the integrity of the Pennsylvania poultry industry and the economy of this Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has broad powers to prevent the spread of infectious and communicable diseases and to protect the health and well-being of this Commonwealth's animals including poultry; WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture had evidence of H5N2 Avian Influenza in Pennsylvania poultry and further evidence indicating possible exposure to H5N2 Avian Influenza in poultry entered for show, exhibition or display

and poultry present at animal markets; WHEREAS, a General Quarantine Order was adopted by the Department of Agriculture on January 20, 1993 (23 Pa.B. 541) to prevent the introduction and spread of H5N2 Avian Influenza in Pennsylvania poultry;

WHEREAS, the threat of H5N2 Avian Influenza to Pennsylvania poultry has abated;

WHEREAS, the General Quarantine Order of January 20, 1993 as amended February 12 and March 25, 1993 established poultry transportation controls that are no longer necessary to prevent H5N2 influenza; and WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is confident that surveillance of key marketing sites and

conveyances of live poultry will be adequate to detect future introduction of avian influenza into domestic poultry. NOW, THEREFORE, THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 1702 of the "Administrative Code", Act of June 7, 1923 (P.L. 498, No. 274) (71 P.S. § 442), Section 6 of the Act of July 22, 1913 (P.L. 928, No. 441), 71 P.S. § 1221) and the Act of April 17, 1929 (P.L. 533, No. 236) as amended by the Act of May 10, 1974 (P.L. 287, No. 87), 3 P.S. § \$ 341 et seq. promulgates the following Amended General Quarantine Order for the prevention, control and eradication of contagious or infectious diseases including H5N2 Avian Influenza

1. No truck and no coop, cage, crate or other conveyance may enter a farm in Pennsylvania for the purpose of removing eggs or live poultry unless that truck and/or the coops, cages, crates or other conveyances are in a sanitary condition. For the purpose of this Order, sanitary condition shall mean that the truck, coop, cage, crate or other conveyance of live poultry has been cleaned and disinfected prior to its arrival on the farm and that egg packing materials must be new, unused or sanitized impervious materials. The operator of the truck shall maintain a record of the dates of cleaning and disinfection and shall have in his possession a copy of that record, including receipts for such service if performed commercially.

2. All poultry flocks, premises, or areas located within the Commonwealth known to be infected with, exposed to or suspicious of Avian Influenza caused by type A H5N2 virus shall be placed under Special Quarantine or General Quarantine. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person, without a special permit in writing from an officer or agent of the Department of Agriculture, to sell, exchange, lease, lend, give away, allow to stray, remove or allow to be removed, any poultry or any poultry product, goods, materials, containers, vehicles, cars, conveyances or other articles on property named or described in

A. Permits for interstate movement of poultry, poultry products and any other articles related to the production, marketing or disposal of those poultry products from flocks, premises or areas quarantined because of H5N2 Avian Influenza shall comply with Part 81 of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the requirements of the state of destination. Permit may be issued only by an official representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

B. Permits for interstate movement of poultry, poultry products and other articles related to production, marketing or disposal of these poultry products from flocks, premises or areas quarantined because of H5N2 avian influenza may be issued subject to the following restrictions.

(1) Poultry, poultry products and other articles infected with or contaminated by Type A H5N2 Avian Influenza virus may be moved only for the purpose of, and only directly to an approved site for sanitary disposal. Such movement shall be under the direct supervision of an official representative of the Department of Agriculture.

influenza antibody if H5N2 influenza virus is not known to exist in the flock or on the premises. (a) In the absence of clinical signs of influenza and if virus has not been found by culture of 30 birds in each flock and by culture of 30 swabs of the environment, permit may be issued to move live poultry direct to slaughter and permit may be

(2) Permit may be issued for movement of poultry and poultry products quarantined because of the presence of H5N2

issued for the movement of eggs to an egg processing establishment provided egg containers are sanitized prior to return to a (b) Disposal of dead poultry, eggs, refuse, litter and other potentially contaminated articles originating from premises quarantined because of Avian Influenza antibody shall be only according to instructions issued by the Department of Agriculture.

(c) Vehicles, equipment, coops, crates, cartons and other conveyances of poultry and poultry products and associated materials from premises quarantined because of Avian Influenza antibody shall be managed so as to prevent spread of Avian Influenza and shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to engaging in further transportation of any article upon public highways. C. Special Quarantine of premises and poultry flocks exposed to, suspicious of, or infected with H5N2 Avian Influenza

may be released when: (1) All H5N2 seropositive and all H5N2 exposed live poultry have been depopulated according to protocol established and supervised by the Department of Agriculture, all poultry carcasses and parts thereof, eggs, litter, manure and refuse have been properly disposed and the premises, building, and equipment cleaned and disinfected and insect and rodent vectors have been eliminated according to protocol established and supervised by the Department of Agriculture and culture swabs of the premises, buildings and equipment are H5N2 virus culture negative and no live poultry are taken onto the premises sooner

than 30 days after Department of Agriculture approved cleaning and disinfection has been completed; or
(2) There have been no overt signs of influenza disease on the premises for at least 45 days, at least 150 randomly collected tracheal swabs and at least 150 randomly collected environmental swabs from each flock on the premises are H5N2 virus culture negative on two tests conducted 30 or more days apart and 50 influenza serologically negative birds in each flock on the premises remain H5N2 seronegative for at least 30 days after the first set of virus negative

(3) When investigation of a suspect or exposed flock reveals no evidence of H5N2 influenza virus or antibody:

(a) 30 or all birds in each flock whichever is less are H5N2 antibody negative and

(b) 30 or all birds in each flock whichever is less are H5N2 virus negative and (c) representative environmental swabs are H5N2 virus culture negative.

D. Violation of quarantine may result in imposition of fines, revocation of permits and forfeiture of any right to indemnity from the Department of Agriculture for condemned poultry or other articles.

3. Surveillance shall be conducted throughout Pennsylvania to detect the presence of Avian Influenza. It shall be the duty of the consignor and the consignee of poultry and poultry products originating from Pennsylvania poultry flocks on request to submit designated specimens of poultry tissues for diagnostic purposes to the Department of Agriculture. It is also the duty of every person having knowledge of the existence of Avian Influenza in Pennsylvania to report that information to the Department of Agriculture

4. This Order is adopted June 1, 1993 and is effective immediately and shall remain effective until further order of this

For purpose of this Amended General Quarantine Order, poultry shall mean chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, chukars, guineas, exotic foul and game bisds raised in captivity.

BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Boyd E. Wolff Secretary Department of Agriculture

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