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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2021–0033]

Addition of the Republic of Mali to the List of Regions Affected With Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we added the Republic of Mali to the list of regions that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service considers to be affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). These actions follow our imposition of HPAI-related restrictions on avian commodities originating from or transiting the Republic of Mali, as a result of the confirmation of HPAI in the Republic of Mali.

DATES: The Republic of Mali was added to the list of regions APHIS considers to be affected with HPAI on April 22, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding HPAI in the Republic of Mali, contact Dr. Michael T. Ray, Regionalization Evaluation Services, Strategy and Policy, APHIS Veterinary Services, 920 Main Campus Drive, Venture II, Raleigh, NC 27606; phone: (919) 855–7225; email: ASKRegionalization@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 94 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation of certain animals and animal products into the United States to prevent the introduction of various animal diseases, including Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). The regulations prohibit or restrict the importation of live poultry, poultry meat, and other

poultry products from regions where these diseases are considered to exist.

Section 94.6 of the regulations contains requirements governing the importation into the United States of carcasses, meat, parts or products of carcasses, and eggs (other than hatching eggs) of poultry, game birds, or other birds from regions of the world where HPAI exists or is reasonably believed to exist. HPAI is an extremely infectious and potentially fatal form of avian influenza in birds and poultry that, once established, can spread rapidly from flock to flock. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) maintains a restrictions list of regions it considers affected with HPAI of any subtype on the APHIS website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions>.

APHIS receives notice of HPAI outbreaks from veterinary officials of the exporting country, from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE),¹ or from other sources the Administrator determines to be reliable.

On April 15, 2021, the veterinary authorities of the Republic of Mali reported to the OIE an HPAI occurrence in that country. On April 22, 2021, after confirming that the HPAI occurred in commercial birds or poultry, APHIS added the Republic of Mali to the list of regions where HPAI exists. On that same day, APHIS issued an import alert notifying stakeholders that effective April 1, 2021, APHIS imposed restrictions on the importation of poultry, commercial birds, other types of birds (research, performing), ratites, any avian hatching eggs, unprocessed avian products and byproducts, and certain fresh poultry products from the Republic of Mali to mitigate risk of HPAI introduction into the United States.

With the publication of this notice, we are informing the public that we added the Republic of Mali to the list of regions APHIS considers affected with HPAI of any subtype, effective April 22, 2021. This notice serves as an official record and public notification of this action.

¹ The World Organization for Animal Health internationally follows a British English spelling of “organisation” in its name; also, it was formerly the Office International des Epizooties, or OIE, an acronym still in usage.

Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this action as not a major rule, as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, 7781–7786, and 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of October 2021.

Mark Davidson,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2021–0037]

Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Leaves and Stems of Garland Chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) From Mexico Into the Continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with importation of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) from Mexico into the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Based on the analysis, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) from Mexico. We are making the pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 20, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2021–0037 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery*: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2021–0037, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Claudia Ferguson, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2352; Claudia.Ferguson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart L–Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of fruits and vegetables that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section.

APHIS received a request from the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Mexico to allow the importation of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) from Mexico into the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As part of our evaluation of Mexico’s request, we have prepared a pest risk assessment (PRA) to identify the pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of the importation of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*)

into the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands from Mexico. Based on the PRA, a risk management document (RMD) was prepared to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) to mitigate the pest risk.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our PRA and RMD for public review and comment. Those documents, as well as a description of the economic considerations associated with the importation of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) from Mexico, may be viewed on the Regulations.gov website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the PRA and RMD by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) from Mexico in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh leaves and stems of garland chrysanthemum (*Glebionis coronarium*) from Mexico into the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands subject to the requirements specified in the RMD.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of October 2021.

Mark Davidson,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2021–0056]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Animal Disease Traceability

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with animal disease traceability.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 20, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2021–0056 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery*: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2021–0056, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on animal disease traceability, contact Dr. Alexander K. Turner, Assistant Director, Animal Disease Traceability and Veterinary Accreditation, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre Ave., Building B, Fort Collins, CO 80526; (970) 494–7353. For more information on the information collection reporting process, contact Mr. Joseph Moxey, APHIS’ Paperwork Reduction Act Coordinator, at (301) 851–2483; joseph.moxey@usda.gov.