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Biosecurity Requirements for HPAI Indemnity Eligibility

The 2015 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) event was the most expensive animal disease outbreak to date in the United States and epidemiologic studies indicated that poor biosecurity practices were a major contributor to the spread of the virus. This outbreak was devastating and costly to affected poultry producers, the states, and to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

As a result, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published regulations in 9 CFR § 53.11 “Highly pathogenic avian influenza; conditions for payment” in order to standardize biosecurity practices and clarify expectations of the minimum biosecurity requirements that must be in place. These regulations require that producers in specified production categories (see below) have a Biosecurity plan covering the 14 Biosecurity Principles in place and audited (the 14th Biosecurity Principle is the audit) at the time of detection of HPAI on their premises in order to be eligible for HPAI Indemnity.

The specified production categories are premises with:

- More than 100,000 broilers (annually)
- More than 75,000 table egg layers
- More than 30,000 meat turkeys (annually)
- More than 25,000 raised-for-release upland game birds or raised-for-release waterfowl
- More than 25,000 commercial upland game bird or waterfowl producing eggs for human consumption
- More than 5,000 breeding birds

Producers that do not participate in National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) but want to be included in the USDA HPAI indemnity eligibility program can participate through the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). Producers that participate in NPIP have been contacted by the California NPIP Official State Agent and may disregard this notice.

For questions or to participate, e-mail SFSpermits@cdfa.ca.gov the following:

- Company Information Form (attached).
- A written biosecurity plan that you are currently using (this may be company-wide or specific to each premises and must cover the 14 Biosecurity Principles).
- A map of each premises with key elements labeled as described on the guidance document (attached).

NOTE: Producers will not be eligible for HPAI indemnity if they do not participate in this or the NPIP program. Participation in this program is not associated with Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) indemnity eligibility.

For assistance or resources on how to implement biosecurity principles on your farm, please work with your veterinarian. Additional resources for developing plans can be found at: cdfa.ca.gov/go/poultrybiosecurity

For questions about NPIP please contact, Monica Della Maggiore at 209-576-6355 or monica@cpif.org.

Sincerely,

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