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Dear Dr. Jones,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of enhanced Arkansas entry requirements for live poultry and hatching eggs from California in response to the finding of H5N8 HPAl in a California Commercial Turkey Flock. The following requirements are effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice:

1. All poultry must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection within 72 hours prior to shipment. In the case of hatching eggs, the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection should be obtained on the flock of origin

2. The Certificate of Veterinary inspection must include the following statement:

“The poultry or hatching eggs did not originate from a county in which High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza has been diagnosed”

Respectfully,

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