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**CHINA'S IMPORT RESTRICTIONS DUE TO HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA
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SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The following submission, received on 20 November 2023, is the statement made by the United States of America at the 15-17 November 2023 WTO SPS Committee, and is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

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1. The United States supports the concerns raised by the European Union.
 2. The United States thanks China for its recent actions to lift HPAI-related restrictions on seven US states.
 3. However, the United States remains concerned that China has not lifted restrictions on US poultry exports from the remaining US states that have been declared HPAI-free in a manner consistent with the World Organisation for Animal Health, or WOA, guidance as well as existing animal health agreements between the United States and China.
 4. The United States would like to ensure that the export of US poultry meat can resume as soon as possible and requests that China lift restrictions on exports from all US states declared to be HPAI-free based on WOA guidance.
 5. The United States remains interested and available to continue working bilaterally with China to address our concerns with this measure.
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