

AVIAN INFLUENZA - VIRUS H5N1

Submission of Brazil

The following communication was received from the Permanent Mission of Brazil on 20 January 1998.

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The Secretary of Agricultural Defence of the Ministry of Agriculture and Supply of Brazil has declared that, according to the rules contained in the International Animal Health Code of the OIE, the country is officially considered free of highly pathogenic avian influenza and of the virus H5N1. Emergency measures, which will be duly notified to the SPS Committee, are being taken to prevent the entry of the disease into Brazilian territory. An additional declaration to the official veterinary health and inspection certificate for the export of poultry meat and poultry meat products, to be signed by the official veterinarian of the Ministry of Agriculture, has been created and shall accompany Brazilian exports of the mentioned products.

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