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Progress on US poultry import issues

Veterinary experts from South Africa and the United States reached agreement on Monday on several animal health issues related to the import of poultry, pork and beef from the United States.

The parties agreed to finalise a protocol for the export of poultry meat and day-old chicks based on surveillance compliant with the OIE chapter on avian influenza in a specified area, biosecurity measures in specified premises, and traceability of products to slaughter establishments.

They also agreed to finalise terms and conditions and the USDA FSIS poultry certificate for export by October 15 to enable contracting and shipments of US poultry exports to South Africa prior to the end of 2015.

The poultry protocol will provide the technical basis to allow for the continued import of poultry from the non-affected areas in the US in the event of renewed outbreaks of avian influenza, according to the agreement.

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