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The presentation describes in its first part the process for establishment of a common framework for zoning for foreign animal diseases (FADs), to apply to both Canada and the United States. The arrangement on zoning is used to protect both countries from FADs but bilateral trade can continue from areas that are shown to remain disease free following an outbreak. The second part is describing the implementation of the zoning arrangement during the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in both countries in 2014-2015.

