**USA COMMENTS IN RED FONT**

**GLOSSARY**

For the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*:

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***poultry***

means all birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity.

Birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used primarily within the same household ~~exclusively~~, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.

Birds that are kept in captivity for other reasons, including those that are kept for shows, racing, exhibitions, zoological collections and competitions, and for breeding or selling for these purposes, as well as pet birds, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities. means all birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity.

**RATIONALE:** Epidemiologic investigations of HPAI outbreaks around the world have shown that HPAI-affected household flocks pose little risk of transmission of the virus to commercial poultry flocks that are likely to provide products for international trade. Commonly, families keeping household flocks will occasionally share eggs with their local community. Changing the definition to acknowledge this ubiquitous, inconsequential activity removes a burden from animal health officials to prove that products from an HPAI-affected flock have never been used outside of a household and preserves the intent of the original definition to prevent low-risk household agricultural activity from interfering with safe international trade of poultry and poultry products.

In addition to the risk analysis studies referenced below, the USA recognizes that the WOAH may determine an additional risk analysis by subject matter experts is needed to validate this proposed change to the definition of *poultry* in the Glossary.

References:

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4) How backyard poultry flocks influence the effort required to curtail avian influenza epidemics in commercial poultry flocks – ScienceDirect.

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