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UPDATE REPORT – HPAI H5N8 OUTBREAK IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Eight further cases of HPAI H5N8 were reported to the OIE, which bring the total number of outbreaks to 24: ten outbreaks in commercial chickens, three outbreaks in commercial ostrich, five outbreaks in wild birds, three outbreak in birds that were kept as a hobby and three outbreaks in backyard poultry.

On 11 August 2017, HPAI was detected in backyard chickens, ducks and geese in Mpumalanga Province in the Dr Pixley Ka Seme Local Municipality.

On 12 August 2017, HPAI was detected in water birds and cage birds kept as a hobby in Rustenburg Local Municipality in North West Province. On 14 August 2017, HPAI was also detected in geese kept as a hobby in the Ekurhuleni Local Municipality in Gauteng Province.

On 15 August 2017, HPAI was detected in a wild bird in Gauteng Province in the City of Tshwane Local Municipality. The bird was found dead and submitted for testing which confirmed HPAI. Another wild bird case was also reported to the OIE on the same day, which involved the detection of HPAI H5N8 in wild birds on 21 July 2017 in Mpumalanga Province in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality.

On 17 August 2017, HPAI was detected in a commercial layer farm in KwaZulu-Natal in the Abaqulusi Local Municipality.

On 21 August 2017, HPAI was detected in a commercial ostrich farm in the Western Cape Province in the Hessequa Local Municipality.

On 23 August 2017, HPAI was detected in a commercial layer farm in the Western Cape Province in the City of Cape Town Local Municipality.

Quarantine has been instituted on all affected properties and the usual disease control measures have commenced.

The continued cooperation of the public and the poultry industry, in the timeous reporting of sick and dying birds to Government Veterinary Services, is vital for the effectiveness of disease control measures instituted. DAFF therefore thanks the public and the poultry industry for their support in this regard.

For DIRECTOR ANIMAL HEALTH