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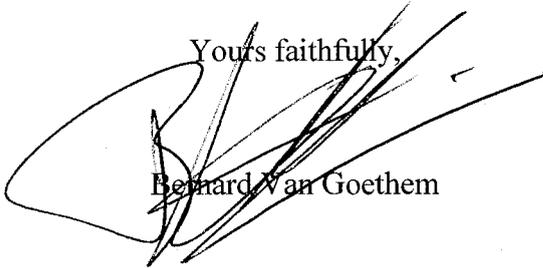
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Subject: **Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 in Germany – Lifting of veterinary restrictions for the province of Cloppenburg, Lower Saxony**

Message:

Please find attached information from the German authorities on the negative testing results for avian influenza virus in all poultry holdings located in the surveillance zone that had been established around an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a turkey fattening holding in Barßel, province of Cloppenburg (see fax 039 of 17/12/2014).

The German authorities have now lifted the restrictions in relation to that outbreak by 18 January 2015 according to Commission Implementing Decision 2014/945/EU of 19 December 2014 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Germany (OJ L 367, 23.12.2014, p.115).

Yours faithfully,

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