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Dear Bi-National Food Safety Network Officers,

Please see below, **for your information**, a notification from the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries:

Since May 2018 there have been 109 confirmed cases of SE with a specific whole genome sequence that until recently was confined to the Greater Sydney Area. A further 36 SE cases are categorised as probably linked to the outbreak but are awaiting confirmation by WGS.

The cluster was first detected in July 2018 and was initially traced to a farm with [REDACTED] s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G. This flock was subsequently destroyed and a warning to consumers issued. There was no interstate trade of eggs from this business.

SE cases largely disappeared until Oct/November 2018, but at this time there was no specific link to an egg producer and other foods, such as leafy greens, were investigated.

In early-mid January 2019, birds on [REDACTED] other farms tested positive for SE [REDACTED] s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G. These flocks were also destroyed. A further consumer warning was issued to NSW consumers based on a particular egg stamp [REDACTED].

At the time, there was no known direct supply of eggs from these farms interstate. As of Thursday 28 Feb, NSW DPI is aware of 4 cases in Victoria and 1 Tasmanian SE case with the same WGS as NSW cases. The onset times potentially coincide with when some eggs from affected farms in NSW may have been in supply. NSW DPI is investigating whether a small number of eggs may have been shipped interstate, via indirect supply.

There are no known farms that are currently affected by SE in NSW still selling eggs.

Kind regards,

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