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Addition of Post-Mortem Examination Training Material to the Notifiable Disease Outbreak Training (NDOT) Course

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Purpose

To inform OVs who have completed the Notifiable Disease Outbreak Training (NDOT) on Improve International, that a new section has been added to the course. This is a guide to carrying out Post-Mortem Examination (PME) for avian species in relation to avian notifiable disease investigations.

To note that many OVs were sent this information by email on Friday 11 November. This briefing note repeats what was sent in that email and no additional information has been added.

Background

As part of investigations into notifiable avian disease, OVs assisting APHA with the current Avian Influenza (AI) outbreak may be required to carry out PME of birds on farm.

Additional training has been added to the NDOT course to assist OVs with this area of work.

The new section of the course can be found at the end of Module 3 'Avian Influenza'. OVs who have completed the NDOT training within the last 6 months can access the course through their Improve International training dashboard to view this new material.

Action

OVs working for APHA as part of the current AI outbreak or intending to do so are strongly recommended to review this new training material at their earliest opportunity.

Further Information

APHA OV team - CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk

Improve International - https://www.improve-ov.com/home/

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