

UK poultry industry receives Â£160Mn boost as exports to South Africa resume

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British poultry can once again reach South African tables, after the UK secured market access estimated to bring up to Â£160 million to the industry over the next five years.

The development will allow UK traders to export poultry to South Africa for the first time in eight years after restrictions were placed on UK imports following outbreaks of avian influenza in the UK. The UK was declared free from avian influenza earlier this year.

Lowering this trade barrier has been one of the UK's priorities for agricultural trade, and its resolution marks a significant step forward, benefiting South African consumers with access to high-quality and securely supplied poultry meat.

Food Security Minister Daniel Zeichner met South African ministers, Deputy Minister Rosemary Capa (Agriculture) and Deputy Minister Andrew Whitfield (Trade), last week to finalise the deal. This access will provide further opportunities to grow the UK economy and strengthen the trading relationship between both countries.