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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5 LOW PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA IN CALIFORNIA, USA

USA reported an outbreak of H5 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) in a commercial duck layer facility in Merced County, California, USA.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the 10 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Merced County, California, USA with effect from 8 October 2021. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from the affected area in the USA before 8 October 2021 and slaughtered before 17 September 2021 will continue to be accepted for import.

4 To facilitate the clearance of permits for other poultry and poultry products, the following additional attestations are required to be included in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the import of poultry and poultry products:

- a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in the USA.
- b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against H5 and H7 subtypes of avian influenza (AI), as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- c) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from the 10 km radius restricted areas around the affected premises in Stanislaus County and Merced County California, USA.
- d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in USA, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.



5 Please contact Ms Lily, Ms Zawiyah or Mr Bosco at 6805 2857 / 6805 2863 / 6805 2856 should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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