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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN KAGOSHIMA AND HYOGO PREFECTURES, JAPAN

Japan reported outbreaks of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Kagoshima and Hyogo prefectures.

2 In view of the outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from Kagoshima and Hyogo prefectures with effect from 13 and 17 November 2021 respectively. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 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 Japan.
- 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 and poultry products were not derived from birds originating from Akita, Kagoshima and Hyogo prefectures, Japan.
- d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Japan, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.



4 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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