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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

## **HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN HUNGARY**

Hungary reported outbreaks of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a breeding duck and goose holding in Bács-Kiskun, Hungary.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of ornamental birds, poultry, poultry products from Bács-Kiskun, Hungary, including the surveillance zones established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the county border, with effect from 16 November 2021. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from affected area in Bács-Kiskun, Hungary before 16 November 2021 and slaughtered before 26 October 2021 will continue to be accepted for import.

4 To facilitate the clearance of permits for poultry and poultry products, we would require the following attestations 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 in the country of export

(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 Bács-Kiskun county where the affected premises are located, including the surveillance zones established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the county border.

(d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Hungary, 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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