

23 November 2021

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**H5 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN TZUM, WAADHOEKE, FRIESLAND, THE NETHERLANDS**

Netherlands reported outbreak of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry farm in Tzum, Waadhoeke, Friesland.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed temporary restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products from 10 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Tzum, Waadhoeke, Friesland with effect from 14 November 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 Tzum, Waadhoeke, Friesland before 14 November 2021 and slaughtered before 24 October 2021 will continue to be accepted for import.

4 In order 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 the Netherlands.

(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 areas within the 10 km radius restricted area around a highly pathogenic avian influenza affected farm.

(d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Netherlands, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.



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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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