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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN DEPARTMENT OF GERS, LANDES AND PYRÉNÉES-ATLANTIQUES, FRANCE**

France reported outbreak of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the department of Gers, Landes and Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France.

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 the department of Gers, Landes and Pyrénées-Atlantiques, with effect from 16 December 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 department of Gers, Landes and Pyrénées-Atlantiques before 16 December 2021 and slaughtered before 2 December 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) is a notifiable disease in France.
- (b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against avian influenza (AI).
- (c) The poultry and poultry products were not derived from birds originating from the department of Gers, Landes, Pyrénées-Atlantiques and Nord.
- (d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in France, 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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