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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN THE NETHERLANDS

Netherlands reported outbreak of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a broiler farm in Blija, municipality Noardeast-Fryslân, in province of Friesland, and a poultry farm in Bentelo, municipality Hof Van Twente, in province of Overijssel, The Netherlands.

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 Blija, Noardeast-Fryslân, Friesland, and Bentelo, Hof Van Twente, Overijssel with effect from 3 January 2022 and 4 January 2022 respectively. 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 Blija, Noardeast-Fryslân, Friesland before 3 January 2022 and slaughtered before 20 December 2021 and in Bentelo, Hof van Twente, Overijssel before 4 January 2022 and slaughtered before 21 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 Netherlands.
- (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 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.



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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