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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN CANADA

Canada reported an outbreak of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry farms in the following regions listed below:

- i. Cardston County, Division No. 3, Alberta
- ii. York, Whitchurch-Stouffville, York, Ontario
- iii. Rural Municipality of Morse No. 165, Division No. 7, Saskatchewan
- iv. Whitemouth, Division No.1, Manitoba

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the 10km radius restricted area around the affected premises with effect from the respective dates stated below. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

Region(s)	Effective date of temporary restriction
Cardston County, Division No. 3, Alberta (10km)	15 April 2022
York, Whitchurch-Stouffville, York, Ontario (10km)	21 April 2022
Rural Municipality of Morse No. 165, Division No. 7, Saskatchewan (10km)	22 April 2022
Whitemouth, Division No.1, Manitoba (10km)	23 April 2022

3 Poultry consignments exported from the affected areas in the following regions, that meet the following slaughter and export dates will continue to be accepted for import.

Region(s)	Slaughter date	Export date
Cardston County, Division No. 3, Alberta (10km)	Before 1 April 2022	Before 15 April 2022

York, Whitchurch-Stouffville, York, Ontario (10km)	Before 7 April 2022	Before 21 April 2022
Rural Municipality of Morse No. 165, Division No. 7, Saskatchewan (10km)	Before 8 April 2022	Before 22 April 2022
Whitemouth, Division No.1, Manitoba (10km)	Before 9 April 2022	Before 23 April 2022

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 accompany the import of poultry and poultry products:

- a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a notifiable disease in Canada.
- b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against avian influenza (AI).
- c) The poultry meat and meat 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 Canada, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

5 Please contact www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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