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Dear Mr Caplen and Ms Sugita

TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM 2 COUNTIES IN USA

We refer to APHIS' letter of 6 May 2022 regarding the outbreaks of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the regions listed below and the letter by National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) dated 12 May 2022, on the temporary restrictions on import of poultry and poultry products, as attached.

- i. Lyon County, Minnesota
- ii. Berks County, Pennsylvania

2 Poultry consignments exported from the affected area in the following counties, that meet the following slaughter and export dates will continue to be accepted for import.

Region(s)	Slaughter date	Export date
Lyon County, Minnesota	Before 19 April 2022	Before 3 May 2022
Berks County, Pennsylvania	Before 19 April 2022	Before 3 May 2022

3 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 the United States.
- b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against HPAI, as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

- c) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from poultry originating from areas within the 10 km radius restricted zone(s) established around a premise affected with HPAI in poultry as defined by the OIE.
- d) The birds from which the meat was derived were hatched, raised, and slaughtered in the United States, or were legally imported as day-old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

4 Best regards.

Yours sincerely



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