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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 a commercial poultry farm in Athabasca County No. 12, Division No. 13, Alberta (AB-IP33) and Sturgeon County, Division No. 11, Alberta (AB-IP34).

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 World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

<b>Region(s)</b>	<b>Effective date of temporary restriction</b>
Athabasca County No. 12, Division No. 13, Alberta (AB-IP33) (10km)	23 August 2022
Sturgeon County, Division No. 11, Alberta (AB-IP34) (10km)	31 August 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.

<b>Region(s)</b>	<b>Slaughter date</b>	<b>Export date</b>
Athabasca County No. 12, Division No. 13, Alberta (AB-IP33) (10km)	9 August 2022	23 August 2022
Sturgeon County, Division No. 11, Alberta (AB-IP34) (10km)	17 August 2022	31 August 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](http://www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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