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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN SPAIN

Spain reported outbreak of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a laying hen farm in Fontanar, Guadalajara, Castilla – La Mancha, Spain.

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 Fontanar, Guadalajara, Castilla – La Mancha with effect from 12 September 2022.

3 Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

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 Spain.
- (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 10km surveillance zone(s) established around a highly pathogenic avian influenza affected farm.
- (d) The meat has been derived from animals which were born in *[insert country]* and bred in *[insert country]*, which are EU member states (or zones within those EU member states) approved by SFA to export meat to Singapore and have not been suspended or subjected to zonal restrictions imposed by SFA from exporting meat to Singapore.



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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