

19 September 2022

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGH PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN USA

USA reported outbreak of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Defiance County, Ohio, USA.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of ornamental birds, poultry, poultry products from the 10km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Defiance County, Ohio, USA with effect from 3 September 2022. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from Defiance County, Ohio (10km) before 3 September 2022 and slaughtered before 20 August 2022 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 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.



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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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