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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN HUNGARY

Hungary reported additional outbreaks of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the following regions:

- i Bács-Kiskun
- ii Csongrád-Csanád

2 In view of the outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed temporary restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products from Bács-Kiskun and Csongrád-Csanád counties, Hungary, including the surveillance zones established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the county border, with effect from 4 November 2022 and 6 November 2022 (date of confirmation) respectively. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

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

County	Slaughter date	Export date
Bács-Kiskun	Before 21 October 2022	Before 4 November 2022
Csongrád-Csanád	Before 23 October 2022	Before 6 November 2022

4 In order to facilitate the clearance of permits for poultry and poultry products, the following attestations are 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 Hungary
- b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against HPAI, as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).
- c) The poultry and poultry products were not derived from birds originating from the county where the affected premises are located, or from premises under animal health restrictions due to HPAI;

- d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Hungary, 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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