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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN GUNMA AND CHIBA PREFECTURES, JAPAN

Japan reported outbreaks of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Gunma and Chiba prefectures.

2 In view of the outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from Gunma and Chiba prefectures with effect from 1 and 3 January 2023 respectively. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 To facilitate the clearance of permits for other poultry and poultry products, the following additional attestations are required 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 Japan.
- 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 Okayama, Kagawa, Ibaraki, Kagoshima, Niigata, Miyazaki, Aomori, Miyagi, Fukushima, Wakayama, Tottori, Aichi, Saga, Yamagata, Hiroshima, Okinawa, Saitama, Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Gunma, and Chiba prefectures in Japan due to occurrence of avian influenza.
- d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Japan, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.



4 Please contact www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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