

20 January 2023

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN CANADA AND RESUMPTION OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM CANADA DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS

Canada reported an outbreak of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry farms of 5 regions and the resolution of HPAI in 1 region.

[A] H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN CANADA

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 in the affected regions. 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.

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

Region	Slaughter Date	Export Date
Municipality of Lambton Shores, Warwick, Lambton, Ontario (ON-IP43)	Before 7 December 2022	Before 21 December 2022
City of Chilliwack, Fraser Valley, British Columbia (BC-IP93)	Before 13 December 2022	Before 27 December 2022
City of Chilliwack, Fraser Valley, British Columbia (BC-IP94)	Before 14 December 2022	Before 28 December 2022
City of Chilliwack, Fraser Valley, British Columbia (BC-IP98)	Before 24 December 2022	Before 7 January 2023
City of Chilliwack, Fraser Valley, British Columbia (BC-IP99)	Before 28 December 2022	Before 11 January 2023

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.

[B] RESUMPTION OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM CANADA DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS

5 Additionally, we are pleased to inform you that the import of poultry and poultry products from the 10km surveillance zones around the infected premises in **La Jacques-Cartier, Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, Québec (QC-IP10)** may resume with immediate effect:

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

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