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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

### **H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN DEPARTMENT OF GERS AND VAUCLUSE, FRANCE**

France reported outbreak of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the department of Gers and Vaucluse, France.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the department of Gers and Vaucluse with effect from 26 and 29 December 2022 respectively. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAH guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

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

<b>Department</b>	<b>Slaughter date before</b>	<b>Export date before</b>
Gers	12 December 2022	26 December 2022
Vaucluse	15 December 2022	29 December 2022

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 France.
- (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 the department of Gers, Vaucluse, Saone-et-Loire, Tarn, Mayenne, Cote d'armor, Loiret, Indre, Ille-et-Vilaine, Morbihan, Somme, Dordogne, Loire Atlantique, Maine-et-Loire, Deux-Sèvres and Vendée.



- (d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in France, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

5 Please contact [www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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