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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

### **H5 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN USA**

USA reported outbreak of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Wayne County, Illinois, 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 Wayne County, Illinois with effect from 24 February 2023. 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 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 (WOAH).
- 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 WOAHP.
- 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.



4 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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