

20 March 2023

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**[A] TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM IWATE PREFECTURE; AND
[B] RESUMPTION OF IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM SHIGA, MIYAGI, GUNMA, SAITAMA, AND KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURES DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS**

Japan reported an outbreak of H5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Iwate prefecture. In addition, outbreaks of H5 HPAI in Shiga, Miyagi, Gunma, Saitama, and Kagoshima prefectures have been resolved.

[A] TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM IWATE PREFECTURE

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 Iwate prefecture, Japan, with effect from 14 March 2023. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

[B] RESUMPTION OF IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM SHIGA, MIYAGI, GUNMA, SAITAMA, AND KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURES DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS

3 We refer to our circulars dated 23 December 2022, 9 and 20 January 2023, and 2 and 20 February 2023 regarding the temporary import restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products from Shiga, Miyagi, Gunma, Saitama, and Kagoshima prefectures, Japan.

4 We are pleased to inform you that the restriction on the poultry and poultry products from Shiga, Miyagi, Gunma, Saitama, and Kagoshima prefectures are lifted with immediate effect.

5 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).
- (a) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from Ibaraki, Hiroshima, Chiba, Fukuoka, Niigata, and Iwate prefectures in Japan due to occurrence of avian influenza.
- c) 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.

6 For enquiries on import of poultry and poultry products, please send them to www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback.

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