

29 September 2023

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGH PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN USA

USA reported outbreak of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in live bird market in Union County, New Jersey, 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 and poultry products from the 10km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Union County, New Jersey, USA, with effect from 15 September 2023. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from Union County, New Jersey, before 15 September 2023 and slaughtered before 1 September 2023 will continue to be accepted for import.

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 USA.
- 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 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 USA, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.



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

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