

10 November 2023

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

## **HIGH PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5N1) IN USA**

USA reported outbreaks of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the following regions listed below.

- i. Kandiyohi County, Minnesota
- ii. Merced County, California
- iii. Kittitas County, Washington
- iv. Chilton County, Alabama
- v. Madison County, Arkansas
- vi. Marshall County, Alabama
- vii. Wright County, Minnesota
- viii. Benton County, Missouri

2 In view of the outbreaks, 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 with effect from the respective dates as stated below. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

<b>Region(s)</b>	<b>Effective date of temporary restriction</b>
Kandiyohi County, Minnesota (10km)	24 October 2023
Merced County, California (10km)	26 October 2023
Kittitas County, Washington (10km)	27 October 2023
Chilton County, Alabama (10km)	27 October 2023
Madison County, Arkansas (10km)	31 October 2023
Marshall County, Alabama (10km)	2 November 2023
Wright County, Minnesota (10km)	3 November 2023
Benton County, Missouri (10km)	6 November 2023

3 Poultry consignments exported from the affected areas in the following regions, that meet the following slaughter and export dates will continue to be accepted for import.

<b>Region(s)</b>	<b>Slaughter date</b>	<b>Export date</b>
Kandiyohi County, Minnesota (10km)	Before 10 October 2023	Before 24 October 2023
Merced County, California (10km)	Before 12 October 2023	Before 26 October 2023
Kittitas County, Washington (10km)	Before 13 October 2023	Before 27 October 2023
Chilton County, Alabama (10km)	Before 13 October 2023	Before 27 October 2023
Madison County, Arkansas (10km)	Before 17 October 2023	Before 31 October 2023
Marshall County, Alabama (10km)	Before 19 October 2023	Before 2 November 2023
Wright County, Minnesota (10km)	Before 20 October 2023	Before 3 November 2023
Benton County, Missouri (10km)	Before 23 October 2023	Before 6 November 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 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 WOAH.
- 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.



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