

10 November 2023

Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN HUNGARY

Hungary reported additional outbreaks of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Hajdú-Bihar and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg counties, Hungary.

2 In view of the outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of ornamental birds, poultry, poultry products from Hajdú-Bihar and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg counties, Hungary, including the surveillance zone established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the county border, with effect from 7 November 2023 and 8 November 2023 (date of confirmation) respectively. 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 the affected counties that meet the following slaughter and export dates, will continue to be accepted for import.

County	Slaughter date	Export date
Hajdú-Bihar	Before 24 October 2023	Before 7 November 2023
Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg	Before 25 October 2023	Before 8 November 2023

4 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 Hungary.
- (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 and poultry products were not derived from birds originating from the county where the affected premises are located, or from premises under animal health restrictions due to HPAI.
- (d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Hungary, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.



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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