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Dear Mr Vukovich and Ms Sugita,

RESUMPTION OF IMPORTS OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM STATES OF SOUTH DAKOTA, COLORADO AND PENNSYLVANIA IN USA DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS

We refer to APHIS' letter of 31 August 2023 regarding the resolution of HPAI in the affected zone(s) in the States of South Dakota, Colorado and Pennsylvania in USA. The letter by National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) dated 15 September 2023, as attached, is also referred.

2 We are pleased to inform you that the import of poultry and poultry products from the 10km radius restricted areas around the infected premises in the States of South Dakota, Colorado and Pennsylvania may resume with immediate effect due to lifting of HPAI restrictions.

3 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.



4 Best regards.

Yours sincerely

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