

10 January 2024

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN CANADA

Canada reported an outbreak of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial poultry farms of 2 regions.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the 10km radius restricted area around the affected premises in the affected regions. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from the affected areas stated in **Annex** that meet the indicated slaughter and export dates 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 accompany the import of poultry and poultry products:

- a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a notifiable disease in Canada.
- b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against avian influenza (AI).
- c) The poultry meat and meat 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 Canada, 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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Annex

S/N	Region	Slaughter Date	Export Date
1	City of Abbotsford, Abbotsford, Fraser Valley, British Columbia (BC-IP155) (10km)	Before 25 November 2023	Before 9 December 2023
2	Regional District of North Okanagan, North Okanagan, British Columbia (BC-IP157) (10km)	Before 30 November 2023	Before 14 December 2023