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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. Duplin County, North Carolina
- ii. Essex County, Massachusetts

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>
Duplin County, North Carolina (10km)	20 February 2024
Essex County, Massachusetts (10km)	7 March 2024

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>
Duplin County, North Carolina (10km)	Before 6 February 2024	Before 20 February 2024
Essex County, Massachusetts (10km)	Before 22 February 2024	Before 7 March 2024

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.

5 Please contact [www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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