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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES TO SFA'S NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR SUSPENSION AND LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FOR IMPORTS OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS DUE TO HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

We would like to inform you of changes in our notification process for suspension and lifting of suspension of imports of poultry and poultry products due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

2 Currently, SFA will issue a trade circular for each suspension or lifting of suspension for imports of poultry & poultry products due HPAI in a particular country/region/zone. Traders would have to refer to these trade circulars to be updated on the various suspensions in the different countries.

3 We have received feedback on challenges in navigating through the circulars to find the relevant information due to the large volume of these notifications. SFA has reviewed our process to enhance the ease of obtaining this information from our website.

4 Moving forward, SFA will publish a document on our website with a consolidated list of countries/regions/zones which are suspended from imports of poultry & poultry products due to HPAI. Any changes to this list will be notified to traders via a trade circular and ARMS.

5 The list will include the dates of suspension, and the slaughter/export dates of poultry consignments which will continue to be accepted for import into Singapore. It will also detail the dates of lifting of suspensions, upon resolution of HPAI outbreak in the country/regions/zones.

6 An example of the new trade circular and list which will be published our SFA's website is as attached in [Annex](#).

7 This change will be in effect from 20 May 2024.



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8 Please contact us through our feedback channel (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) if you require any clarifications.

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Annex

Example of new trade circular to inform traders on updates to list of countries/regions/zones suspended/lifted from suspension due to HPAI

To all Poultry and Egg traders

Dear Sir/Madam

There have been updates regarding the following:

- (A) Suspension on the importation of poultry and poultry products from <countries/regions/zones>
- (B) Lifting of suspension in <countries/regions/zones> due to resolution of HPAI outbreaks

- 2 Kindly refer to the following <SFA weblink to list of countries/regions/zones which are suspended from imports of poultry & poultry products due to HPAI> for details.
- 3 Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the suspension.
- 4 Please contact www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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Example of the list detailing the countries/regions/zones which are suspended from imports of poultry & poultry products due to HPAI

List of countries/regions/zones suspended for export of poultry and poultry products (i.e. eggs) to Singapore

S/N	Countries/regions/zones	Restriction date	Date of lifting	Consignments which meet the following slaughter and export dates will continue to be accepted for import into Singapore	
				Slaughter date before	Export date before
1	Country A	12-Nov-23	In effect	29-Oct-23	12-Nov-23
2	Country B	23-Nov-23	In effect	9-Nov-23	23-Nov-23
3	Region X, Country C	16-Feb-24	In effect	2-Feb-24	16-Feb-24
4	Region Y, Country D	12-Dec-23	16-Feb-24	28-Nov-23	12-Dec-23