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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGH PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN GERMANY

Germany reported outbreaks of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the following regions listed below.

- i. Versmold, Gütersloh, Nordrhein-Westfalen (23-015-01232)
- ii. Lärz, Röbel-Müritz, Mecklenburgische Seenplatte, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (23-015-01250)
- iii. Wittmund, Wittmund, Niedersachsen (23-015-01252)

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 and poultry products from the 10km surveillance zone around the affected premises in the regions with effect from the respective dates as stated below. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with WOAHP guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

Region(s)	Effective date of temporary restriction
Versmold, Gütersloh, Nordrhein-Westfalen (23-015-01232)	21 December 2023
Lärz, Röbel-Müritz, Mecklenburgische Seenplatte, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (23-015-01250)	14 December 2023
Wittmund, Wittmund, Niedersachsen (23-015-01252)	22 December 2023

3 Poultry consignments exported from the affected area in the following regions that meet the following slaughter and export dates will continue to be accepted for import.

Region(s)	Slaughter date	Export date
Versmold, Gütersloh, Nordrhein-Westfalen (23-015-01232)	Before 7 December 2023	Before 21 December 2023

Lärz, Röbel-Müritz, Mecklenburgische Seenplatte, Mecklenburg- Vorpommern (23-015- 01250)	Before 30 November 2023	Before 14 December 2023
Wittmund, Wittmund, Niedersachsen (23-015- 01252)	Before 8 December 2023	Before 22 December 2023

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 Germany.

(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 (an) establishment(s) situated in a 10 km radius surveillance zone around a highly pathogenic avian influenza affected farm.

(d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Germany, 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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