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Dear Dr Rassow,

TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM 4 REGIONS IN GERMANY

We refer to Germany's notifications to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) regarding the outbreaks of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the regions in the following regions and the letter by National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) dated 26 January 2024 on the temporary restriction on import of poultry and poultry products, as attached.

- i. Poseritz, Bergen auf Rügen, Vorpommern-Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (24-015-00004)
- ii. Wangels, Oldenburg-Land, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein (24-015-00019)
- iii. Ziertheim, Wittislingen, Dillingen an der Donau, Bayern (24-015-00020)
- iv. Wangels, Oldenburg-Land, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein (24-015-00027)

2 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
Poseritz, Bergen auf Rügen, Vorpommern-Rügen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (24-015-00004)	Before 21 December 2023	Before 4 January 2024
Wangels, Oldenburg-Land, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein (24-015-00019)	Before 22 December 2023	Before 5 January 2024

Ziertheim, Wittislingen, Dillingen an der Donau, Bayern (24-015-00020)	Before 26 December 2023	Before 9 January 2024
Wangels, Oldenburg- Land, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein (24- 015-00027)	Before 27 December 2023	Before 10 January 2024

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 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.

4 Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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