

7 February 2024

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGH PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN GERMANY

Germany reported outbreak of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in Einbeck, Northeim, Niedersachsen (24-015-00034).

2 In view of the outbreak, 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 WOAHA guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

Region(s)	Effective date of temporary restriction
Einbeck, Northeim, Niedersachsen (surveillance zone – 10km) (24-015-00034)	18 January 2024

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

Region(s)	Slaughter date	Export date
Einbeck, Northeim, Niedersachsen (surveillance zone – 10km) (24-015-00034)	Before 4 January 2024	Before 18 January 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 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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