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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H7N7 HIGH PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Australia reported an outbreak of H7N7 high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a poultry farm in Lethbridge, Victoria, Australia.

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the state of Victoria, Australia with effect from 31 July 2020. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 To facilitate the clearance of permits for other poultry and poultry products, the following additional attestations are required to be included in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the import of poultry and poultry products:

- (a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in Australia.
- (b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against H5 and H7 subtypes of avian influenza (AI), as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- (c) The poultry and poultry products were not derived from birds originating from Victoria, Australia.
- (d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Australia, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

Please contact Ms Lily, Ms Zawayah or Mr Bosco at 6805 2857 / 6805 2863 / 6805 2856 should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

Yours sincerely

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