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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) H5N5 IN MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN, GERMANY

Germany reported an outbreak of H5N5 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in backyard poultry in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany.

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 from the 10 km surveillance zone around the affected premises in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany with effect from 10 November 2020. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 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) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in Germany.

(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 meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from the 10 km surveillance zone around the affected premises in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and Schleswig-Holstein, Germany.

(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 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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