

21 November 2020

Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) H5N8 IN NIEDERSACHSEN, GERMANY**

Germany reported an outbreak of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in backyard poultry in Niedersachsen, 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 the 10 km surveillance zone around the affected premises in Niedersachsen, Germany with effect from 17 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 Poultry consignments exported from affected area in Niedersachsen, Germany before 17 November 2020 and slaughtered before 27 October 2020 will continue to be accepted for import.

4 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 (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.



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5 Please contact Ms Lily, Ms Zawiyah 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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