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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) H5N8 IN VENDÉE, DEUX-SÈVRES AND HAUTES PYRÉNÉES, FRANCE

France reported outbreaks of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the departments of Vendée, Deux-Sèvres and Hautes Pyrénées, France.

2 In view of the outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the departments of Vendée and Deux-Sèvres, with effect from 12 December 2020, and the department of Hautes Pyrénées, with effect from 22 December 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 the departments of Vendée and Deux-Sèvres before 12 December 2020 and slaughtered before 21 November 2020 and exported from the department of Hautes Pyrénées before 22 December 2020 and slaughtered before 1 December 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 France.

(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 departments of Haute-Corse, Corse-Du-Sud, Yvelines, Landes, Vendée, Deux-Sèvres and Hautes Pyrénées, France.

(d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in France, 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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