

8 January 2021

Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H5N8 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN KOMÁROM-ESZTERGOM, HUNGARY

Hungary reported outbreaks of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in turkey holdings in Komárom-Esztergom county, Hungary.

2 In view of the outbreaks, 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 Komárom-Esztergom county, Hungary, including the surveillance zone established for the affected holdings, with effect from 6 January 2021 (date of confirmation). 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 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 Hungary.
- (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 Komárom-Esztergom county, Hungary, including the surveillance zones established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the county border.
- (d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Hungary, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

4 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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