

8 January 2021

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) H5N8 IN VIBORG MUNICIPALITY, DENMARK

Denmark reported an outbreak of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a poultry holding in Viborg municipality.

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 Viborg municipality, Denmark, including the surveillance zone established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the municipality, with effect from 1 January 2021. Heat-treated poultry and egg products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from Viborg municipality, Denmark before 1 January 2021 and slaughtered before 11 December 2020 will continue to be accepted for import.

4 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 Denmark.
- (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 Viborg municipality and Randers municipality, including the surveillance zone established for the affected holdings should it extend beyond the municipality.
- (d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Denmark, 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 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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