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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

H7N3 LOW PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA IN LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, USA

USA reported an outbreak of H7N3 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) in a backyard/non-commercial live-bird marketing system mixed flock premises in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, USA.

In view of the outbreak, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the 10 km restricted area around the affected premises in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, USA with effect from 13 March 2019. Non-heat treated poultry meat and meat products, and shell eggs from the areas that the 10 km restriction zones extend would not be allowed for export to Singapore.

To facilitate the clearance of permits for other poultry and poultry products, the following additional certification 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 the country of export.
- 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 areas that the 10 km radius restricted area extend around the affected premises in Stearns County and Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, Stanislaus County, California and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
- d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in USA, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

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 faithfully

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