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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

LOW PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (H5) IN REBILD MUNICIPALITY, DENMARK

Denmark reported an outbreak of H5 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) in an organic laying hen holding located near the town Terndrup, in Rebild municipality in the northern part of Jutland, Denmark.

In view of the outbreak, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to the 1 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Rebild municipality, Denmark with effect from 28 February 2019. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction. 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 1 km radius restricted areas around the affected premises in Rebild 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.

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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