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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

OUTBREAKS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA, USA

USA reported outbreaks of H5N2 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a commercial turkey flock in Beadle County, South Dakota and a backyard flock in Judith Basin County, Montana.

In view of the outbreaks, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from South Dakota State and Montana State with immediate effect. Heat-processed poultry products, which meet the requirements for heat inactivation of AI virus, will not be affected. For import from unaffected areas in USA, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1.

Please contact Mr Lai Fah Choong or myself at 6805 2857 / 6805 2854 should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

Yours faithfully

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Annex 1

The additional certification should state on the Veterinary Health Certificate:

- 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 South Dakota, Montana, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Minnesota, California, Idaho, Oregon or Washington States.
- 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.