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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**LIFTING OF RESTRICTION ON IMPORTS OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM UK**

Please refer to our letter dated 20 Nov 2014.

We are pleased to inform you that DEFRA had declared England, United Kingdom free from H5N8 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). However, another outbreak of H7N7 Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (LPAI) was reported in a broiler breeder farm in Upham, Hampshire, United Kingdom.

In view of the outbreak, AVA will lift the import restriction imposed on 20 Nov 2014, and instead impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from the 1km radius restricted area around the premises affected with LPAI, 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 UK, 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. 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).
- b. The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from the 1km radius restricted area around the affected premises.
- c. There have been no outbreaks of HPAI involving commercial poultry in the country of origin in the six months prior to slaughter.
- d. The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in the UK, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.