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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

**OUTBREAKS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN HAUTE-VIENNE AND AVEYRON, FRANCE**

Please refer to our letter dated 8 Dec 2015.

France reported new outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the departments of Haute-Vienne and Aveyron.

In view of the outbreaks, AVA will extend the temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to the departments of Haute-Vienne and Aveyron 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 France, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1.

Please contact Mr Lai or Ms Lily Suryani at 6805 2857 / 6805 2855 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 the department of Aveyron, Dordogne, Haute-Vienne and Landes.
- d. The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in France, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.