



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE TO RESPOND TO A BIRD FLU OUTBREAK

1 The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) is conducting an emergency preparedness exercise on Friday, 3 Sep 2004 at AVA's Veterinary Public Health Centre at Lim Chu Kang to test our operational readiness to deal with a bird flu outbreak.

2 Following an earlier exercise in Feb 2004, various aspects of the staging and personnel decontamination processes have been refined. The objectives of this exercise are to test the effectiveness and efficiency of:

- i. equipping large numbers of personnel with appropriate personnel protection for rapid deployment in the event of a bird flu outbreak; and
- ii. aspects of the personnel decontamination process

3 Some 300 AVA officers and 80 officers from the Housing and Development Board (HDB), the National Parks Board (NParks) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) will participate in this exercise to familiarize themselves with the staging and personnel decontamination procedures. There will be no culling of chickens during this exercise.

Details are as follows:

Date: 3 Sep 2004 (Friday)

Time: 6.45 am sharp

Venue: Blocks 345 and 346 Choa Chu Kang Central, opposite Choa Chu Kang MRT station. (This is the reporting and pickup point for staff before they are ferried to the Veterinary Public Health Centre.)

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