



ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO KEEP OUT BIRD FLU

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) will be implementing two new measures – bio-segregation and emergency vaccination of poultry in local farms - to prevent an outbreak of bird flu in Singapore. These additional safeguards will complement the existing control measures taken by AVA to reduce the risks of a bird flu outbreak in our local poultry farms and contain the spread of the virus in the event of an outbreak.

Bio-segregation Measures

2 AVA will implement bio-segregation measures such as requiring our poultry farms not to share equipment, and separating egg collection areas from production areas. Such measures will minimize inter-farm contact, thus preventing any potential spread of virus should there be an outbreak in any of the farms.

3 Our poultry farms can be segregated into several clusters. Should there be an isolated outbreak of bird flu in one cluster, the disease will be contained and not spread to the other clusters if effective bio-segregation and bio-security measures are in place. This also means the poultry in the unaffected clusters may be saved from culling and the farms can continue supplying eggs.

Emergency Vaccination of Poultry

4 AVA will also implement emergency vaccination of poultry in local farms when there is an imminent threat of bird flu incursion into Singapore. However, emergency vaccination will only be activated under critical circumstances, such as when rampant bird flu outbreaks occur in areas of close proximity to Singapore, or when there is an imminent threat of a human flu pandemic.

Singapore is free from bird flu

5 AVA would like to reiterate that Singapore is free from bird flu. We are strengthening our defences against bird flu and will continue to maintain our vigilance to keep it that way.

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