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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

OUTBREAK OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN MANITOBA, CANADA

Canada has reported an outbreak of H5N2 Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza (LPNAI) at a farm in Manitoba.

In view of the outbreak, AVA is imposing a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to a 1 km restricted area around the affected premises, with immediate effect. For import from unaffected areas in the Canada, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1. Heat-processed poultry products which meet the requirements for heat inactivation of AI virus will not be affected.

Please contact Mr Lai Fah Choong or myself at 635 7624 / 6325 7617 should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

Yours faithfully

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for Director-General
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Annex 1

The additional certification should state on the Veterinary Health Certificate:

- i) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against Notifiable (H5 and H7) subtypes of avian influenza (NAI), as defined by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
- ii) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from the 1 km restricted area.
- iii) There have been no outbreaks of HPNAI involving commercial poultry in the country of origin in the six months prior to slaughter.
- iv) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Canada, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.