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IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POULTRY MEAT AND LIVE BIRDS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

We have received reports that there is an outbreak of Avian Influenza in Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

2 To prevent the disease from entering Singapore, AVA is taking precautionary measures to temporarily suspend the imports of all poultry meat and birds from South Africa with immediate effect. Singapore is free from bird flu.

3 Singapore imported 3.08 tonnes (valued at \$36,872) of frozen ostrich meat from South Africa in 2003. There is no import of chicken, duck, goose or turkey. Singapore imported 3,451 ornamental birds in the period from Jan to July 2004. These birds were not affected by Avian Influenza.

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