



## IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POULTRY FROM USA

We have received reports that there is an outbreak of Avian Influenza in the State of Delaware, USA. 12,000 chickens have been ordered to be destroyed.

2 To prevent the disease from entering Singapore, AVA has suspended imports of all live birds, day-old chicks, frozen poultry and poultry products from USA with immediate effect. Singapore is free from bird flu.

3 Singapore imported about 17,500 tonnes (value \$32.8 million) of chicken meat from USA in 2003. This constitutes 8.9% of total consumption.

4 Singapore imports 103,000 tonnes of chicken meat a year, mainly from Brazil (53% of frozen chicken meat). In addition, 120,000 live chickens are imported daily from Malaysia for slaughter here.

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