



POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN SINGAPORE ARE SAFE FOR CONSUMPTION

1 AVA would like to again assure Singapore residents that the poultry and poultry products sold locally are safe for consumption.

2 The Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services, with whom AVA has close communication links, has informed AVA that in regard to the case where many chickens were reported to have died in a school in Perak, test results have been negative for avian influenza virus. None of the farms in Malaysia which are accredited to export chickens to Singapore are located in Perak. Nonetheless, AVA remains vigilant on the import inspection of poultry, and has further stepped up on its sampling and testing of the live poultry imports.

3 Besides strict controls at points of entry, AVA has taken all other necessary precautionary measures to prevent bird flu from entering Singapore. For instance, the local poultry farms are bio-secured and bird-proofed. There is also close surveillance at the farms. In addition, wild birds present in Singapore are tested, with no bird flu virus being found in these birds so far.

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