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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

SUSPENSION ON IMPORT OF LIVE BIRDS, POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM CANADA

There are reports of outbreak of Avian Influenza in Canada. As such, we wish to inform you that import of all live birds, poultry and poultry products from Canada is suspended with immediate effect. This includes products on waters. The suspension does not include canned and heat-processed poultry products.

Import of heat-processed poultry meat products is allowed if the core temperature of the products is able to meet the following requirements:

- 70°C for a minimum of 30 minutes or
- 75°C for a minimum of 5 minutes or
- 80°C for a minimum of 1 minute

For liquid and powder egg products, the pasteurisation requirements are as follows:

- 64°C for a minimum of 4.5 minutes or
- 60°C for a minimum of 5 minutes or
- 55°C for a minimum of 15 minutes

In addition, the eggs should be sanitised with a sanitiser containing 50-200 ppm of available chlorine, or other registered sanitiser before pasteurisation.

The core temperature and duration (for poultry meat) and pasteurisation treatment (for egg products) is to be stated on the health certificate. Please forward the list of products and their heat treatment process flow to AVA for approval before importing the products.

Please call me or Mr Lai Fah Choong at 6325 7313 / 6325 7624 should you have any enquiries.

Yours faithfully

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