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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON IMPORT OF LIVE BIRDS, POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM THE NETHERLANDS

AVA has received reports of positive diagnosis of Avian Influenza in two farms in the Netherlands. As such, we wish to inform you that AVA is taking a precautionary measure by imposing a temporary suspension on the import of all live birds, poultry and poultry products from the Netherlands 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

The core temperature and duration 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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