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Meat Traders
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Dear Sir / Madam

**OUTBREAK OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN THURINGEN PROVINCE,
GERMANY**

Germany has reported an outbreak of Low Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza (LPNAI) caused by H5 strain at a farm in Nordhausen, Thuringen Province. In view of the outbreak, AVA is suspending imports of poultry and poultry products from the 1 km restricted area around the affected premises with immediate effect. For import from unaffected areas in Germany, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1. Heat-processed poultry products which meet the requirements for heat inactivation of AI virus will not be affected.

AVA has also suspended all import of live ornamental birds from Germany.

Please contact Mr Lai Fah Choong or the undersigned at 6325 7624 / 6325 7617 should you have any enquiries on the import suspension of poultry. In the case of live ornamental birds, please contact Mr Yu Cheng Woo at 6325 7827.

Yours faithfully

Li Lu
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Annex 1

The additional certification should state on the Veterinary Health Certificate:

- i) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against Notifiable (H5 and H7) subtypes of avian influenza (NAI), as defined by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).
- ii) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from the 1 km restricted area.
- iii) There have been no outbreaks of HPNAI involving commercial poultry in the country of origin in the six months prior to slaughter.
- iv) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Germany, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.