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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

**OUTBREAK OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, USA**

USA reported an outbreak of H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) in a commercial poultry premises in Lauderdale County, State of Alabama.

In view of the outbreak, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products from 10km restricted area around the affected premises in Lauderdale County in Alabama, with immediate effect. Heat-processed poultry products, which meet the requirements for heat inactivation of AI virus, will not be affected. For import from unaffected areas in USA, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1.

Please contact Mr Lai Fah Choong or Ms Zawayah at 6805 2857 / 6805 2863 should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

Yours faithfully

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## Annex 1

The additional certification should state on the Veterinary Health Certificate:

- a. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in the country of export.
- b. The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against H5 and H7 subtypes of avian influenza (AI), as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- c. The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from Lincoln County, Tennessee, and from the 10km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Barron County, Wisconsin, Giles County, Tennessee and Lauderdale County, Alabama.
- d. The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in USA, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.