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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

OUTBREAKS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI AND HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS, USA

USA reported an outbreak of H7N1 Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) in a turkey farm in Jasper County in Missouri and another outbreak of H7 LPAI in a commercial poultry premises in Hopkins County in Texas.

In view of the outbreaks, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to the 10 km restricted area around the affected premises in Jasper County in Missouri and Hopkins County in Texas, with effect from 3 March 2018 and 7 March respectively. Heat-processed poultry products, which meet the requirements for destruction of AI virus, will not be affected by the import restriction. For import from unaffected areas in USA, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1.

Please contact Ms Lily or Ms Zawiyah 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 the 10 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Hopkins County, Texas and Jasper County, Missouri.
- 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.