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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

OUTBREAKS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN GERS AND PYRENEES-ATLANTIQUES, FRANCE

Please refer to our letter dated 11 Dec 2015.

France reported new outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the departments of Gers and Pyrenees-Atlantiques. We also note that the outbreak in the department of Aveyron is caused by LPAI.

In view of the outbreaks, AVA will extend the temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to the departments of Gers and Pyrenees-Atlantiques with immediate effect. Heat-processed poultry products, which meet the requirements for heat inactivation of AI virus, will not be affected. Regarding the LPAI outbreak in the department of Aveyron, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the import of poultry and poultry products to the 1 km restricted area around the affected premises in Aveyron, instead of the whole Department of Aveyron, with immediate effect. For import from unaffected areas in France, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1.

Please contact Mr Lai or Ms Lily Suryani at 6805 2857 / 6805 2855 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 department of Dordogne, Gers, Haute-Vienne, Landes and Pyrenees-Atlantiques and 1 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in the department of Aveyron.
- d. The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in France, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.