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Meat Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**LIFTING OF RESTRICTION ON IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM UNITED KINGDOM**

Please refer to our letter dated 16 July 2015.

We are pleased to inform you that the restriction on import of poultry and poultry products from United Kingdom due to H7N7 HPAI outbreak in Lancashire is lifted with immediate effect.

However, United Kingdom reported a new outbreak of H5N1 Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Dunfermline, Scotland. In view of the outbreak, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to the 1km radius restricted area around the affected premises 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 United Kingdom, additional certification is required on the veterinary health certificate as listed on Annex 1.

Please contact Mr Lai Fah Choong 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 country has been free from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) for the past three (3) months prior to export.
- c. 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).
- d. The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from 1 km radius restricted area around the affected premises.
- e. The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in the UK, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.