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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

**LOW PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, KINGS COUNTY, NEW YORK AND PASSAIC, ESSEX, CAMDEN, HUDSON, UNION COUNTIES, NEW JERSEY, USA**

USA reported outbreaks of H5 low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) in 2 live bird markets in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Kings County, New York and 9 live bird markets in Passaic, Essex, Camden, Hudson and Union Counties in New Jersey.

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 Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Kings County, New York and 9 live bird markets in Passaic, Essex, Camden, Hudson and Union Counties in New Jersey 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 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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for Director-General  
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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 10 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Jasper County, Missouri; Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, Kings County, New York and Passaic, Essex, Camden, Hudson and Union Counties in New Jersey
- 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.