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Meat Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

OUTBREAK OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN SEGALAS, LOT-ET-GARONNE, FRANCE

France reported an outbreak of H5N3 Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (LPAI) in a duck farm in Segalas, Lot-et-Garonne.

In view of the outbreak, AVA will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of poultry and poultry products to the 1 km restricted area around the affected premises in Segalas, Lot-et-Garonne, with effect from 19 March 2018. Heat-processed poultry products, which meet the requirements for heat inactivation of AI virus, will not be affected. For import from unaffected areas in France, 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 1 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Saulnay, Indre, La Jumelliere, Maine-Et-Loire, Jolimetz, Nord and Segalas, Lot-et-Garonne.

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.