

6 March 2023

Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**[A] H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN GERMANY
[B] RESUMPTION OF IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM
DEPARTMENT OF SACHSEN DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS**

Germany reported outbreaks of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the following regions. In addition, the HPAI outbreak in Sachsen has been resolved.

- i. Delbrück, Paderborn, Nordrhein-Westfalen (22-015-00260)
- ii. Wurster Nordseeküste, Cuxhaven, Niedersachsen (23-015-00261)
- iii. Wangels, Oldenburg-Land, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein (23-015-00279)
- iv. Haselünne, Emsland, Niedersachsen (23-015-00304)

[A] H5N1 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) IN GERMANY

2 In view of the outbreak, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) will impose a temporary restriction on the importation of ornamental birds, poultry, poultry products from the 10km surveillance zone around the affected premises, with effect from the following dates. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the WOAHA guidelines for inactivation of AI virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

Region(s)	Date of confirmation
Delbrück, Paderborn, Nordrhein-Westfalen (22-015-00260)	18 February 2023
Wurster Nordseeküste, Cuxhaven, Niedersachsen (23-015-00261)	20 February 2023
Wangels, Oldenburg-Land, Ostholstein, Schleswig-Holstein (23-015-00279)	21 February 2023
Haselünne, Emsland, Niedersachsen (23-015-00304)	24 February 2023

3 To facilitate the clearance of permits for poultry and poultry products, we would require the following attestations to be included in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the import of poultry and poultry products:

(a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a notifiable disease in Germany.

(b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against avian influenza (AI).

(c) The poultry meat and meat products were not derived from birds originating from (an) establishment(s) situated in a 10 km radius surveillance zone around a highly pathogenic avian influenza affected farm.

(d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Germany, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

[B] RESUMPTION OF IMPORT OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM SACHSEN DUE TO LIFTING OF HPAI RESTRICTIONS

4 We refer to our circular dated 20 February 2023 regarding the temporary import restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products from Sachsen. We are pleased to inform you that the imports of poultry and poultry products from Sachsen may resume with immediate effect.

5 Please contact www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

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