



AVA'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE TO TEST OPERATIONAL READINESS TO DEAL WITH A BIRD FLU OUTBREAK

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The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) will be conducting its emergency preparedness exercise to test operational readiness to respond to an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) or bird flu in Singapore on 17 July 2013.

2 Code-named "Exercise Gallus VII", the exercise comprises two parts – a table top exercise on 15 July to test AVA's crisis management framework, and a field exercise on 17 July to test operational readiness in responding to an outbreak of bird flu in Singapore.

3 Specifically, the field exercise will test the effectiveness and efficiency of:

- i. Donning of personal protective equipment by emergency response staff (AVA officers and poultry slaughterhouse workers);
- ii. Culling and disposal system;
- iii. Decontamination system at the poultry slaughterhouse.
- iv. Incineration at NEA's designated incineration plant.

4 Exercise Gallus VII is AVA's seventh emergency preparedness exercise. It is the first time AVA is testing bird flu emergency preparedness contingency plans in a poultry slaughterhouse setting – Soonly Food Processing Industries Pte Ltd.

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