



IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POULTRY FROM CANADA

We have received reports that there is an outbreak of Avian Influenza in British Columbia, Canada.

2 To prevent the disease from entering Singapore, AVA is taking precautionary measures to temporarily suspend the imports of all poultry and birds from Canada with immediate effect. Singapore is free from bird flu.

3 Singapore imported 179.49 tonnes (valued at \$534,000) of chicken meat from Canada in 2003. This constitutes 0.08% of total consumption. There is no import of duck, goose or turkey. There is also no import of live birds from Canada in 2003.

4 Singapore imports 103,000 tonnes of chicken meat a year, mainly from Brazil (53% of frozen chicken meat). In addition, 120,000 live chickens are imported daily from Malaysia for slaughter here.

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