



IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POULTRY FROM THE NETHERLANDS

We have received a report that there is a positive diagnosis of Avian Influenza in The Netherlands.

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

3 Singapore imported 447 tonnes (valued at \$850,550) of chicken meat from The Netherlands in 2003. This constitutes 0.26% of total consumption (172,145 tonnes) of poultry. We had imported 2066 live ornamental birds from The Netherlands in 2003, valued at \$103,390.

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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