



## **IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF POULTRY FROM USA**

We have received reports that there is an outbreak of Avian Influenza in the State of Delaware, USA. 12,000 chickens have been ordered to be destroyed.

2 To prevent the disease from entering Singapore, AVA has suspended imports of all live birds, day-old chicks, frozen poultry and poultry products from USA with immediate effect. Singapore is free from bird flu.

3 Singapore imported about 17,500 tonnes (value \$32.8 million) of chicken meat from USA in 2003. This constitutes 8.9% of total consumption.

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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