



LIFTING OF SUSPENSION ON IMPORTS OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM SELANGOR, MALAYSIA

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) is lifting the suspension on imports of poultry and poultry products from the State of Selangor with effect from 17 Sep 2007.

2 AVA has worked closely with DVS to facilitate the resumption of poultry and poultry products from Selangor and reinstating the State of Selangor as a disease-free zone (DFZ) for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

3 AVA officers had visited Selangor recently to evaluate the surveillance and biosecurity systems put in place by the Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) to keep out bird flu. AVA is satisfied that bird flu has been effectively eliminated from poultry in Malaysia and the disease prevention and control measures implemented by DVS are adequate and in line with international standards.

4 DVS has also declared that Malaysia is free from bird flu on 9 Sep 07. This is in line with the international guidelines of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), which states that a bird flu affected country can declare freedom from the disease 90 days following the culling and disinfection of the last case.

Supply of Poultry and Eggs

5 Malaysia supplies 3.6 million poultry and 83.7 million eggs per month to Singapore. Prior to the suspension, imports from Selangor constitute only about 1% of the poultry and 6% of the egg imports from Malaysia.

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6 AVA would like to reassure the public that we will maintain our vigilance to ensure that Singapore remains free from bird flu. We will also continue to maintain surveillance and inspections at the points of entry to prevent the incursion of the disease. AVA wishes to reiterate that poultry and poultry products here are safe for consumption.

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