



## RESUMPTION OF POULTRY IMPORTS FROM SELANGOR AND NEGRI SEMBILAN

1. The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) will resume the import of poultry and eggs from the states of Selangor and Negri Sembilan with effect from 14 April 2005. AVA has inspected Negri Sembilan and Selangor and has assessed that all the necessary measures have been put in place to establish and maintain these two states as bird flu free zones. This is similar to the approach adopted for lifting the ban on export of poultry and eggs from Johore, Malacca and Perak.

2. The control measures that Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) has implemented to establish Selangor and Negri Sembilan as bird flu free zones include the following: -

- (i) Strict biosecurity measures maintained on the AVA-accredited farms, e.g. disinfection of vehicles, equipment and personnel.
- (ii) Disease surveillance conducted by DVS in these States.
- (iii) Effective ground measures to control the interstate and intrastate movement of poultry and poultry products (including eggs) through the use of movement permits approved by DVS.
- (iv) Inspection of all accredited farms in Selangor and Negri Sembilan by DVS, before it issues export permits and health certificates to certify freedom of disease for each consignment of poultry or eggs.
- (v) Inspection of every export consignment by DVS at the Johore side of the Second Link, prior to entry into Singapore.

3. In addition to the above measures, AVA will inspect all import consignments again upon entry at the Singapore side of the Second Link (i.e. Tuas checkpoint). The many layers of checks, at the accredited farms and at the export and import checkpoints, will help to minimize the risks of infected poultry consignments entering Singapore undetected.

4. With lifting of the import suspension, 11 chicken broiler farms, and 1 layer farm in Selangor and Negri Sembilan are approved to export 651,000 broilers and 4.86 million table eggs to Singapore per month. Imports from the two States will contribute an increase of 14% of broilers and 6% of table eggs supply to our market.

5. The resumption of imports from Selangor and Negri Sembilan will, however, only apply to commercial consignments from the accredited farms. Members of the public are reminded that the ban on individuals bringing in poultry and poultry products from Malaysia still remains. This is a necessary precautionary measure to ensure that only poultry and poultry products from AVA-accredited sources in the bird-flu free zones are allowed to enter Singapore.

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