



SUSPENSION OF DUCK IMPORTS FROM PERAK, MALAYSIA

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) has been informed by Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) that an outbreak of H5N1 avian flu has been confirmed in Bukit Merah Laketown Resort's Ecopark and Kampong Changkat Tualang in the State of Perak. As a precautionary measure, DVS has suspended the export of poultry and poultry products from Perak. AVA has also concurrently imposed a suspension on imports of poultry and poultry products from Perak with immediate effect. This is in line with the established protocol between the veterinary authorities of the two countries for poultry imports from disease free zones in Malaysia to Singapore.

2 The current suspension will not affect poultry imports from the disease free zones in Johor, Malacca and Negri Sembilan. AVA will continue to work closely with DVS to monitor the disease situation to ensure that poultry imported do not compromise public and animal health.

Supply of Poultry and Eggs in Singapore

3 The import suspension will not have any impact on our chicken and egg supplies as there are no imports of chicken and eggs from Perak. However, there will be a temporary shortfall of ducks as Perak supplies about 80% of Singapore's total duck consumption.

4 Singapore consumes approximately 14,800 tonnes of duck meat per year. In the last two months, 93% of ducks available in Singapore are derived from live duck imported from Malaysia and the remaining 7% are frozen ducks imported from countries such as The Netherlands and USA. Perak supplies about 86% of our total live duck imports (about 20,000 ducks per day) and the rest comes from the State of Johore.

5 To minimize the impact on our duck supply, AVA is working closely with the trade to increase imports of frozen duck from The Netherlands and USA.

Poultry and poultry products in Singapore are safe for consumption

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 step up 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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