



SUSPENSION OF POULTRY AND EGG IMPORTS FROM SELANGOR, MALAYSIA

The Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) informed the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) this morning that it had detected an outbreak of H5N1 bird flu in chickens in a village household in Sungei Buluh, Selangor. About 60 chickens had died as a result of the outbreak. Although the poultry and layer farms in Selangor that have been approved to export to Singapore are bio-secured, AVA is suspending poultry and egg imports from Selangor as a precautionary measure with immediate effect.

2 Poultry imports from the disease-free zones of Johor, Malacca, Negri Sembilan and Perak will not be affected by this suspension. 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. AVA will continue to remain on high alert and work closely with DVS to monitor the development of the disease situation to ensure that poultry and eggs imported from Malaysia do not compromise public and animal health.

Supply of Poultry and Eggs in Singapore

3 Malaysia supplies 3.6 million poultry and 83.7 million eggs per month to Singapore. Imports from Selangor constitute only about 1% of the poultry and 6% of the egg imports from Malaysia. As such, the impact of the suspension of poultry and egg imports from Selangor on our poultry and egg supplies is not significant.

Poultry and poultry products in Singapore are safe for consumption

4 AVA reassures the public that we will maintain 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. Local poultry farms and slaughterhouses have also been told to remain vigilant and maintain their biosecurity measures. AVA wishes to reiterate that poultry and poultry products here are safe for consumption.

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