



SUSPENSION OF POULTRY AND EGG IMPORTS FROM SELANGOR, MALAYSIA

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) has received information on the detection of H5N1 in kampong chickens in a village in Selangor. As a precautionary measure, AVA is suspending poultry and egg imports from Selangor 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.

2 The current suspension will not affect poultry imports from the disease free zones of Johor, Malacca, Perak and Negri Sembilan. AVA will continue to work closely with the Malaysian Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) to monitor the development of the disease situation to ensure that poultry imported do not compromise public and animal health.

M E D I A R E L E A S E

Supply of Poultry and Eggs in Singapore

3 The import suspension will not have any impact on our poultry supply. Although 5 chicken broiler farms in Selangor had been accredited to supply poultry to Singapore, there had been no exports from these farms to Singapore since Aug 2004.

4 There is currently only one approved layer farm in Selangor supplying eggs to Singapore. As imports from this farm constitute only 5% of total egg imports from Malaysia, the impact of the suspension on our egg supply is negligible.

Poultry and poultry products in Singapore are safe for consumption

5 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. AVA wishes to reiterate that poultry and poultry products here are safe for consumption.

**Issued by Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority
Ministry of National Development
on 20 Feb 2006**

M E D I A R E L E A S E