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## UPDATE ON IMPORT OF POULTRY AND EGGS FROM MALAYSIA

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) has noted the decision of Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Sciences (DVS) to defer declaring Kelantan free from bird flu, following the detection of bird flu virus during intensive surveillance of poultry in Kelantan.

- 2 Singapore currently imports poultry and eggs from AVA-accredited sources in the bird flu free zone of Johor and Malacca. The latest detection of bird flu virus in Kelantan does not affect the export of poultry and eggs from these states.
- AVA will consider lifting the import ban of poultry and eggs from other West Malaysian states when Malaysia declares Kelantan to be free of bird flu and all the necessary disease prevention and control measures have been satisfactorily put in place. This could be up to 21 days after all affected poultry have been culled and no further cases of bird flu are detected. This is to ensure that public and animal health will not be compromised by the importation of poultry and eggs.

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