



UPDATE ON SUSPENSION OF POULTRY IMPORTS FROM MALAYSIA – SECOND CASE OF BIRD FLU DETECTED IN KELANTAN

1 Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services has informed the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) that a second case of bird flu has been detected in some kampong chickens, 5 km away from the first affected farm in Kelantan. With this disease reoccurrence, Malaysia will not be able to declare Kelantan free from bird flu for at least another 21 days. AVA will also maintain the import suspension on poultry and eggs from Malaysia.

2 AVA had earlier announced that it will review and consider the lifting of import suspension when Malaysia declares Kelantan to be free of bird flu, and AVA is satisfied that the states exporting poultry and eggs to Singapore are free of the disease, and disease prevention and control measures have been put firmly in place.

3 AVA will continue to work with Malaysia to put in place all the necessary safety measures to enable the gradual resumption of imports of poultry and eggs from non-affected regions without compromising public and animal health.

Poultry and Egg Supply Situation

4 There is adequate supply of frozen poultry in Singapore and prices of poultry at the supermarkets have remained relatively stable. Egg importers and supermarkets have been bringing in table eggs from Australia and New Zealand to meet the shortfall in supply. AVA has also recently approved an additional 9 farms in Australia to supply table eggs to Singapore.

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