

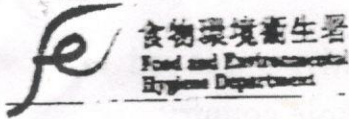
Temporary import suspension of all Poultry (Carcass, part and offal) and poultry products (including eggs) from Kottayam District of Kerala from India to Hong Kong

Date: 24/01/2017

In the wake of incidence of Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N8) in Kottayam District of Kerala, Govt. of Hong Kong has imposed a Temporary import suspension of all Poultry (Carcass, part and offal) and poultry products (including eggs) from India vide notification no. (86) in FEHD/VPHS 19-40/35/1/3 Pt II dated 17.1.2017.is attached.

For information to Concerned exporters.

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Mr. Karun Bansal
Consul (Commerce, Political & Media)
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Dear Mr. Bansal,

Import Suspension of Poultry (Carcass, Parts and Offal) and Poultry Products (Including Eggs) for Human Consumption from Kottayam District of Kerala State of India, into HKSAR

We have received the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) notifications dated 12 January 2017 regarding the outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N8) in Kottayam District of Kerala State of India. As a result, I would like to inform you that there will be a temporary import suspension of all poultry (carcass, parts and offal) and poultry products (including eggs) for human consumption from **Kottayam District of Kerala State of India**; in addition to the temporary suspensions already imposed on other parts of India with immediate effect until further notice.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with updated information regarding the outbreaks. In particular, please provide a complete epidemiological report (as it becomes available) with information including:

1. Date of onset, species affected, numbers affected;
2. Establishment locations within the affected areas and zones as appropriate, including related functional units;
3. Biosecurity Plans for Avian Influenza:
 - Provide the definitions utilized for demarcation of affected areas and control areas as appropriate;
 - Biosecurity measures inside the protection zone and the depopulation policy of the affected and nearby areas;

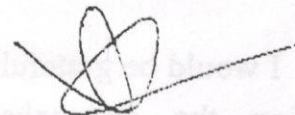
- The surveillance and monitoring measures currently employed in zone, compartment, province (as applicable) and whole country;
 - The human, vehicle and animal movement restrictions into, within and out of the "protection" and "surveillance" zone;
4. Poultry identification/registration and traceability system at the flock, lot or bird level;
 5. The testing regime and diagnostic test utilized on the farms inside the protection zone;
 6. Date of completion of depopulation and final disinfection of the affected farms (repopulation date if applicable).

Currently India has agreed with Hong Kong on the health certificate for trading Indian poultry eggs. India has not established any import protocol for poultry meat with Hong Kong to date. Should you wish to establish such import protocol, please contact this office and also please note, for the purpose of lifting the imposed suspension and resumption of imports, we would require an official request/communication from your office with supporting documentation of AI free status.

We look forward to getting these updates from you. Should you have any enquiries on this issue, please contact the undersigned at (852) 2867 5421.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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