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Dr. Vaidotas Kiudulas,
Chief Veterinary Officer,
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Vilnius, Lithuania

Dear Dr. Kiudulas,

**Import Suspension of Poultry (Carcass, Parts and Offal) and
Poultry Products for Human Consumption from
HPAI Affected Area(s) in Lithuania into HKSAR**

We have received notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N1) in the affected area(s) in Lithuania dated 29 January 2025, as follows:

Šilutės District Municipality, Klaipėdos County

I would like to inform you that there will be a temporary import suspension of all poultry (carcass, parts and offal) and poultry products for human consumption from the affected area(s) in Lithuania in addition to the temporary suspensions already imposed on other parts of Lithuania with immediate effect until further notice.

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

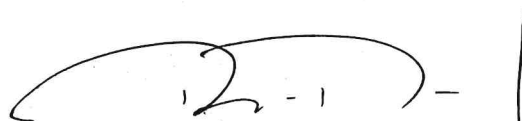
1. Date of onset, species affected, numbers affected;
2. Establishment locations within the affected areas and zones as appropriate, including related functional units;
3. Biosecurity Plans for Avian Influenza:
 - The definitions utilised for demarcation of affected areas and control areas

- 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; and
 - 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 utilised on the farms inside the protection zone; and
 6. Date of completion of depopulation and final disinfection of the affected farms (repopulation date if applicable).

We look forward to getting these updates from you. For the purpose of lifting the imposed suspension and resumption of imports, we would require an official request/communications from your office with supporting documentation of AI free status. 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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