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ATTENTION ALL IMPORTERS

LIFTING OF IMPORTATION RESTRICTION NOTICE:

Dear Importer

RE: PARTIAL LIFTING OF HPAI IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON LIVE POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL TO SOUTH AFRICA

Further to the attached Media Statement dated 18 June 2025 on the partial lifting of import restrictions on poultry and poultry products from Brazil (excluding the state of Rio Grande do Sul), please find the following information.

The following cut-off dates will be applied:

Consignments containing products packed in their final packaging* between **01 May 2025 and 18 June 2025** from Brazil, will be rejected and returned to Brazil or destroyed at the cost of the importer. Please note that a reefer container will be regarded as a consignment, and will be handled as an entity. We will not allow cartons (eg. in the case of poultry meat) to be sorted according to date of production.

Consignments accompanied by veterinary health certificates with an official signature dated between 15 May 2025 and 18 June 2025 will be rejected and returned to Brazil or destroyed at the cost of the importer. This is because the official would not have been able to certify country freedom of HPAI after Brazil reported the outbreak.

Importers are required to submit new applications for veterinary import permits (VIPs) from 19 June 2025. Updated/New VIPs will be issued that are aligned to the partial lifting of the ban. VIPs issued prior to the import restrictions issued 19 May 2025 have since been cancelled and are thus no longer valid for the importation of live poultry, poultry meat and poultry products from Brazil, excluding heat processed poultry products.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards



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