

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**

**Trader Notice MH No. 10/2021**

**To: All operators of DAFM-approved meat establishments**

**Subject: Revision of the health certificate for the export of poultrymeat and poultrymeat products to Singapore**

**Background**

In December 2020, the Singaporean authorities suspended the importation of consignments of poultrymeat and poultrymeat products from Ireland because of an Avian Influenza (AI) outbreak in a poultry flock in Co. Wicklow. Singapore has now lifted this temporary suspension with effect from 21 May 2021.

In April 2021, a regionalisation/zoning solution was agreed with the Singaporean authorities. The agreement provided for an amendment to the import conditions in the current export health certificate (EHC) to allow exports from unaffected areas subject to compliance with all the health attestations in the revised EHC.

The AI attestations in the revised EHC specify that:

- In the event of a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak in poultry in Ireland, the products are not derived from the 10 km surveillance zone(s) established around the infected premises;
- In the event of a Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza outbreak in poultry in Ireland, the products are not derived from the 1 km surveillance zone(s) established around the infected premises.

A specimen copy of the revised EHC is attached at Appendix 1 below.

In addition, in the event of an AI outbreak and any further suspension arising therefrom, heat-treated poultrymeat / poultrymeat products originating from an affected area can still be exported on a bespoke health certificate for heat-treated products provided that the products have been subjected to heat treatment that is sufficient for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus in accordance with OIE guidelines.

A specimen copy of the bespoke heat-treated EHC is attached at Appendix 2 below.

**Role of food business operator proposing to export poultrymeat to Singapore**

Any enterprise wishing to export poultrymeat or poultrymeat products to Singapore must advise the responsible Department Veterinary Inspector in advance and draw up an SOP on how the export certification criteria will be met.

## **Export Health Certificate**

Copies of the new certificates, printed on secure stationery, will be made available to certifying officers on request through the usual channels.

Trader Notices MH 08/2016, MH 08/2018 and MH 08/2020 are hereby updated accordingly.

### **Appendix 1**



Singapore VHC for  
poultrymeat revised /

### **Appendix 2**



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