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Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Trader Notice: MH16/2021 - Update

To: All operators of DAFM-approved meat establishments

Subject: Temporary restrictions on the export of Irish poultry and poultry products for human consumption to certain Third Country markets*

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)

The Hong Kong authorities have imposed temporary suspensions on imports of all poultry (carcase, parts and offal) and poultry products (including eggs) for human consumption from Co. Cavan and Co. Monaghan with effect from 10 December and 22 November respectively.

This ban is understood to apply to poultry sourced in Counties Cavan and Monaghan, and to poultry products regardless of origin, produced, stored or dispatched from any DAFM-approved premises in those counties until further notice.

Note that this measure is in addition to the restrictions put in place for HPAI restricted zones. For certification purposes, DAFM considers an affected county named by an importing country to include disease containment areas extending into contiguous counties within the territory of the state.

This temporary import suspension is also additional to the temporary ban in place since December 2020 on all poultry and poultry products from Co. Wicklow (TN MH 08/2020 refers).

Any establishment located outside the affected counties and HPAI restricted zones which sources poultry in the restricted counties/zones and wishes to export to Hong Kong must have in place procedures agreed with DAFM which demonstrate that the meat or meat products do not originate from poultry, farms or establishments in relevant counties/restricted zones.

Kuwait

With effect from 6 December, Kuwait has imposed a temporary countrywide ban on fresh, chilled, frozen or manufactured poultry imports and derived products such as table eggs.

Poultry products that have been thermally treated for inactivation of HPAI viruses at 70°C are exempt from these restrictions.

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***Trader Notice revised to incorporate additional information on HKSAR and Kuwait.**

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