

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Trader Notice: MH 10/2012

To: Operators of all approved meat establishments

Subject: Temporary restrictions on the importation of Irish poultry and poultry products to Hong Kong and Singapore

Following the recent outbreak of the low pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N2) in Cork, the Hong Kong and Singaporean authorities have indicated a number of temporary changes to their export requirements.

Hong Kong:

The authorities in Hong Kong have imposed a “temporary suspension on all poultry and poultry products from County Cork”. This is taken to apply to both poultry slaughtered in County Cork and to poultry sourced from farms in County Cork.

Therefore, any establishment which is outside Cork, but sources poultry in Cork and has meat or meat products which it wishes to export to Hong Kong must have in place an agreed SOP which demonstrates that the meat or meat products do not derive from poultry or from farms or establishments in County Cork.

Singapore:

The authorities in Singapore have imposed a ban for farms within a 1 km radius of the outbreak and in addition asked for supplementary certification.

Therefore, poultry meat and poultry meat products should only be exported from Ireland to Singapore with this supplementary certificate. Any consignment leaving Ireland for Singapore must be accompanied by this certificate. The supplementary certificate is being drafted at present and will be available from Meat Hygiene Division shortly. It should be requisitioned in the usual manner.

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