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**Re: Suspension of the import of poultry products etc. from Taurages and
Marijampolės counties in Lithuania**

Dear Dr Darius Remeika,

Thank you for your continued cooperation on safe trade of animal products between Japan and Lithuania.

As you were informed by the colleagues of the Embassy of Lithuania in Japan, we have suspended the import of meat and egg products derive from poultry (chicken, quail, ostrich, turkey, pheasant, guinea fowl and birds classified into anseriformes order) from Taurages county based on the immediate notification to the OIE and the relevant information you had provided. In addition, as the established restriction zone extended to a part of neighboring Marijampolės county, we have also suspended the import of said commodities from this county based on the Animal Health Requirements.

According to the information provided, the earliest exposure to the virus was estimated to be 6th May 2021. Therefore, poultry products accompanied with health certificates attesting that those products were produced and packaged on and before 5th May 2021 and were stored and handled in a way to prevent exposure to pathogens of any animal infectious diseases prior to shipment will be exempt from the suspension measure.

It would be appreciated if you could provide us with further information of the outbreak, including cleaning and disinfection of the affected premise after all relevant control measures are completed, which will be essential for us to review the status of the affected counties to consider the lifting of suspension measures.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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