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Dr. Darius Remeika  
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Dear Dr. Remeika,

**Import Suspension of Poultry (Carcass, Parts and Offal) and  
Poultry Products (Including Eggs) for Human Consumption from  
Kaunas County of Lithuania into HKSAR**

We have received a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) dated 8 January 2021 regarding the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N8) in **Kaunas County** of Lithuania. As a result, I would like to inform you that there will be a temporary suspension of all poultry (carcass, parts and offal) and poultry products (including eggs) for human consumption from **Kaunas County of Lithuania** with immediate effect until further notice.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with updated information regarding the outbreak. In particular, please provide a complete epidemiological report (as it becomes available) with information including:

1. Date of onset, species affected, numbers affected;
2. Establishment locations within the affected areas and zones as appropriate, including related functional units;
3. Biosecurity Plans for Avian Influenza:
  - The definitions utilised for demarcation of affected areas and control areas as appropriate;
  - Biosecurity measures inside the protection zone and the depopulation policy of the affected and nearby areas;

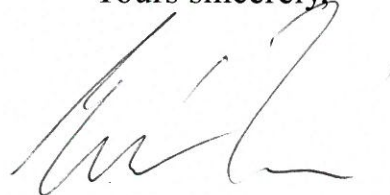
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- The surveillance and monitoring measures currently employed in zone, compartment, province (as applicable) and whole country; and
  - The human, vehicle and animal movement restrictions into, within and out of the "protection" and "surveillance" zone;
4. Poultry identification/registration and traceability system at the flock, lot or bird level;
  5. The testing regime and diagnostic test utilised on the farms inside the protection zone; and
  6. Date of completion of depopulation and final disinfection of the affected farms (repopulation date if applicable).

We look forward to getting these updates from you. For the purpose of lifting the imposed suspension and resumption of imports, we would require an official request/communications from your office with supporting documentation of AI free status. Should you have any enquiries on this issue, please contact the undersigned at (852) 2867 5421.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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