

# Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Hungary, Canada, Korea and Poland suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (February 4) that in view of notifications from the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the General Veterinary Inspectorate of Poland about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in areas in Hungary, Canada and Korea; and outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza and highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in areas in Poland respectively, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the relevant areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

The relevant areas are as follows:

Hungary

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- (1) Heves County
- (2) Pest County

Canada

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- Province of Ontario
- (3) Wellington County

Korea

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- Jeollanam-do Province
- (4) Damyang-gun

Gyeongsangnam-do Province

- (5) Geochang-gun

Chungcheongnam-do Province

- (6) Dangjin-si

Poland

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- Podkarpackie Region
- (7) Ropczycko-Sandomierski District

Łódzkie Region

- (8) Zgierski District

Wielkopolskie Region

- (9) Kolski District

(10) KÄ™piÅ„ski District

(11) Kalisz District

Lubuskie Region

(12) Nowa Sól District

A CFS spokesman said that Hong Kong has currently established a protocol with Hungary for the import of poultry meat but not for poultry eggs. According to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 300 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Hungary; about 400 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Canada; about 80 tonnes of chilled and frozen poultry meat, and about 21.9 million poultry eggs from Korea; and about 6 600 tonnes of frozen poultry meat from Poland last year.

â€œThe CFS has contacted the Hungarian, Canadian, Korean and Polish authorities over the issues and will closely monitor information issued by the WOAH and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation,â€ the spokesman said.