

Import of poultry meat and products from Seosan-si of Chungcheongnam-do Province in Korea suspended

â€‹The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (June 19) that in view of a notification from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of Korea about an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5 avian influenza in Seosan-si of Chungcheongnam-do Province in Korea, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the area with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 60 tonnes of frozen poultry meat and about 5.33 million poultry eggs from Korea in the first three months of this year.

"The CFS has contacted the Korean authority over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the World Organisation for Animal Health and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreak. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.