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Dear Registered Poultry Distributor:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) **continue to confirm** highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in several states and Canadian provinces. On January 30, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture established a 10 km control zone around an HPAI detection in Lancaster County, **Pennsylvania**. As you are aware, Pennsylvania supplies most of the birds entering the New Jersey Live Bird Markets. Due to the detection of HPAI, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) once again considers the State of Pennsylvania to be affected. As a reminder, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:3-7.4 (b) Avian Influenza:

No poultry, or hatching eggs originating from a state, territory, or country where Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected, shall be imported into New Jersey for live bird markets unless:

1. The poultry or hatching eggs are approved and provided a permit by the State Veterinarian, and
2. The poultry or hatching eggs meet testing requirements as follows:
 - i. All poultry shall originate and move directly from an established flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, seven days of age and older, were tested negative for Avian Influenza using real-time reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR¹). If the flock contains less than 30 birds, all birds from within the flock must be tested.
 - (1.)rRT-PCR testing is accepted for all gallinaceous poultry and domestic ducks. The date of sample collection must be within 72 hours before the date of entry into New Jersey, and the shipment must be accompanied by a copy of the finalized laboratory report indicating that the poultry tested negative for Avian Influenza.

Poultry purchased from production/supplier flocks in any state, territory, or country where HPAI has been detected, and the poultry is destined for the **New Jersey Live Bird Marketing System** require a permit issued by the New Jersey State Veterinarian and a negative avian influenza test within 72 hours of movement. **The State Veterinarian must issue the permit before moving such poultry into the State of New Jersey.**

For your reference, this document is located on the Division of Animal Health's website:

https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/Permitting%20Procedure%20for%20Poultry_HP

[AI 2022.pdf](#)

Please be advised that poultry shipments moving into multiple Live Bird Markets must have each destination included on subsequent pages.

State and/or federal inspectors will continue to perform routine inspections and sampling for Avian Influenza at your facility. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Animal Health at (609)-671-6400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amar Patil", written in a cursive style.

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Electronic Enclosures

Cc: New Jersey Live Bird Market Owners