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## AVIAN INFLUENZA TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### Regarding Avian Influenza:

- Avian influenza is naturally occurring in wild birds.
- Very often these birds are carriers and not affected by the Avian 'Flu.
- Avian influenza is transmitted via saliva, nasal secretions and faeces.
- Avian influenza is neither air-borne nor food-borne and can only be transmitted to humans through direct contact with an infected bird's saliva, nasal secretion or faeces.
- However, in most instances of Avian influenza, the flu strain is in its un-mutated form, which cannot in any case be transmitted to humans.
- Legally, Dutch Free-Range birds can be kept indoors for a permitted 16-week period and retain their free-range status. NO Eggs have been bought from hens exceeding this period.

OVODAN EGG GROUP hereby confirm that we, to the best of our knowledge, have not received any eggs/products from affected farms. All affected farms are blocked by the official veterinary authorities and a restricted area with a radius of three kilometers and a monitoring area of ten kilometers has been established. Poultry farmers in this area must take precautions and keep their animals indoors.

All products produced by OVODAN EGG GROUP are pasteurized according to the current EU legislation and do not contain any Avian Influenza virus.

Also, with regards to Newcastle Disease, OVODAN EGG GROUP declare, that Our products were produced from eggs coming from an establishment which satisfies the requirements of Section X of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 in which, during the 30-day period prior to the date of collection of the eggs, no outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza and infection with Newcastle disease virus has occurred as well as the requirements defined by the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health code.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us

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