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To: Directors
Provincial Veterinary Services

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Suspect Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Investigations

In view of the current highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5 and H7 outbreaks in the country, we would like to urge everyone to keep HPAI on the top of differential diagnoses lists.

We would like to request that the sampling list from dead or killed birds be expanded to include the following: lung, trachea, spleen, caecal tonsils and brain samples but other internal organ samples may also be taken. Organ samples from individual birds may be pooled in a single clean container. Please also collect both tracheal and cloacal swabs from dead or killed birds.

You are reminded that pre-approval requests for the testing of such samples at ARC-OVR on DALRRD's account should be forwarded to epidemiology@dalrrd.gov.za and that such ARC-OVR sample submission forms should be fully completed and officially stamped and signed by the responsible Provincial Veterinary Services.

We trust that we will receive your co-operation.

Kind regards,

Dr Mpho Maja
DIRECTOR: ANIMAL HEALTH

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cc: SAVC; SAPA; SAOBC

