STATEMENT

SAPA supports regionalised approach to Brazil's Newcastle disease outbreak

The South African Poultry Association (SAPA) supports the Department of Agriculture's decision not to impose a countrywide restriction on poultry and poultry products from Brazil.

This follows an outbreak of Newcastle disease (NCD) in the Santa Catarina state of Brazil. Imports from areas affected by the outbreak are subject to restrictions, and trade from unaffected areas continues under the existing veterinary certification requirements.

SAPA supports this approach. We believe the threat to South Africa’s poultry flock is low, provided Brazil complies with the certification requirements and imports from affected areas are properly controlled.