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Mr Graeme Watson Parafield Gardens

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Dear Mr Watson

Biosecurity SA has considered your proposed sale at the SA Homing Pigeon Hall, 10 Baulderstone Road, Gepps Cross on the 18th of September 2011.

Providing that the following recommendations are followed, Biosecurity SA considers that this sale will pose a very low risk for spreading avian paramyxovirus.

- 1. The birds have been kept isolated from wild birds for a period of one month prior to the sale.
- 2. There have been no new birds introduced to the flock in the previous month
- 3. There has been no sign of disease in birds within the previous month at the property of origin.
- 4. There are no birds from other properties at the sale at the SA Homing Pigeon Hall (i.e. only birds of one origin)
- 5. All the cages at the SA Homing Pigeon Hall are cleaned of visible organic matter with detergent and water then sprayed with a disinfectant prior to the birds for sale being placed in them.
- 6. All people attending the show are advised to shower before the sale and wear clean laundered clothes with clean shoes (i.e. after they have attended to their own birds)
- 7. Hand washing and alcohol gel application is required for all people entering and leaving the hall in which the sale is being held.
- 8. A foot bath with disinfectant is placed at the doorway to be used by all people entering and leaving the hall for the sale.
- 9. All cages used during the sale are cleaned and disinfected once the birds have been removed from them.
- 10. All people attending are provided advice on Biosecurity for when they return to their own flocks, including:
 - a. Shower and change your clothes and shoes before you have contact with your own birds after returning home from the sale
 - b. Isolate any birds you purchase for a period of 30 days away from your own birds (do not allow any contact between these 2 groups of birds)
 - c. Use separate equipment for the isolated birds and your own birds
 - d. Attend to the isolated birds (feed, water and check health) after you have attended your own birds.
 - e. Seek veterinary attention for any sick birds (either isolated or your own birds)
 - f. Report any sick or dying birds to Biosecurity SA by phoning the Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888

Please note that the ultimate decision regarding whether this event is held lies with your industry, and that it is at the industry's own risk.

Yours sincerely

Celia Dickason (Biosecurity SA, Senior Veterinary Officer)

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