Attention
Animal Disease Risk!

CLASSICAL FOWL PLAGUE (highly pathogenic form of AVIAN INFLUENZA, BIRD FLU) occurred in THIRD COUNTRIES* in a widespread manner.

Avian influenza is a highly infectious viral disease for poultry and other birds that can quickly assume epidemic dimensions in animal populations. Some particularly pathogenic strain-types of the agent can also pose a danger to humans. The disease can therefore seriously jeopardise human and animal health and cause severe economic damage with respect to susceptible animal species.

Please note:
The disease agent is passed on by infected animals, but can also be transmitted by products such as eggs and poultry meat or through clothes, shoes or other objects from infected areas. Please avoid direct contacts with animals in the holiday destination* and refrain from visiting poultry markets. You should only eat cooked or well-done poultry meat and poultry products.

Travellers may unwittingly and unintentionally introduce the agent of this disease.

Travellers are therefore prohibited from importing into the European Union (EU) poultry or other birds, poultry meat, eggs and other products derived from poultry as well as feathers or unprocessed game trophies from those third countries* where avian influenza has occurred!

No more than five (5) birds may be imported into the EU from all other third countries in tourist traffic. These animals must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate and a statement by the owner! Appropriate forms can be obtained, inter alia, from the German diplomatic representations abroad.

Thank you very much for your understanding and your cooperation!

* Indonesia, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, North Korea, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam, People’s Republic of China, including Hong Kong

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