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To all SANPO unions and federations:

Latest on the outbreak:

SANPO does not believe that pigeons are affected or carry or transmit Avian Influenza.

However as an extreme cautionary measure and in accordance with responsible husbandry we have advised our members within 30 km radius from the confirmed outbreak (Paardeberg) on Chickens not to race this weekend.

Vaccinate all pigeons older than 21 days in Western Cape with an Inactivated Newcastle disease vaccine for chickens such as Nobilus ND Broiler emulsion. This must be done on union and Fed level and all birds vaccinated numbers be recorded.

Further measures to protect our pigeons are being instituted. We are monitoring the situation on a daily basis in accordance with our official veterinarian and state veterinary services.

Regards

Fadiel Hendricks

SANPO President