

AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI)

CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS AND LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION¹

Response to outbreaks in Member States and third countries

Situation as of 10 March 2009 –10:00 H

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG Health and Consumer Protection
Unit D1: Animal Health and Standing Committees

Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission
THU 08/01		Meeting of the SCoFAH ²	The Belgian , German , Italian , Polish and Norwegian delegations presented information on the LP AI situation.
		CD 2009/6/EC published in the OJ	
			Fax 900 to Ms CVO's: information on publication of CD 2009/6/EC amending Decisions 2005/692/EC, 2005/731/EC, 2005/734/EC and 2007/25/EC concerning avian influenza as regards their period of application
WED 14/01	DE		Fax DE 001 to Ms CVO's: updated information on the LP AI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. A further outbreak (in total now 30 outbreaks) was confirmed by H5 PCR on 12 January in a turkey holding in the commune Bösel.

¹ This document summarises very basic information on the outbreaks of avian influenza (AI) in third countries and related Community action. This focuses on the animal health aspects. More detailed information on the events and actions taken in 2005-2007 can be found on the [SANCO AI webpages](#).

For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the Official Journal, to the Commission's [avian influenza webpage](#), including associated [press releases](#).

All Commission Decisions (CD) can be accessed via the [EUR-Lex](#) webpages.

For more general animal health information, please refer to the Commission's [Animal Health](#) web-pages.

For public health information, please refer to the Influenza pages from the Commission's [public health](#) unit, [AI pages](#) from the World Health Organisation (WHO), or [pages](#) of the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE).

² Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health - a Regulatory Committee, chaired by the Commission, including veterinary experts from all MS's governments (http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/index_en.htm)

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THU 15/01	DE		Fax DE 002 to Ms CVO's: updated information from Germany on the LPAI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. A further outbreak (31 in total) was confirmed during the night of 14 January in a turkey holding outside the areas under restriction.
	PL	Poland – LPAI of H5 subtype not confirmed	Fax 901 to Ms CVO's: following the information presented at the SCoFAH of 8 January on a suspicion of avian influenza of the subtype H5 in turkeys in Boguszyce, county of Nowogard, Goleniow, Poland, the suspicion of LPAI was not confirmed.
FRI 16/01	DE		Fax DE 003 to Ms CVO's: updated information from Germany on the LPAI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. A further LPAI H5 outbreak (32 in total) was confirmed inside a restricted zone.
TUE 20/01	DE		Fax DE 004 to Ms CVO's: updated information from Germany on the LPAI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. A further outbreak (now 33 in total) was confirmed on 19 January in a turkey holding in Cloppenburg. The infected holding and a related contact holding are both located in a restricted zone "Sperrgebiet 5".
THU 26/01	CA	Canada – LPAI of H5 subtype in fattening turkeys	Fax 902 to Ms CVO's: information on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of H5 subtype in a farm with 60 000 fattening turkeys in Abbotsford, British Columbia at the westernmost limit of Canada.
TUE 03/02	FR	France – LPAI of H5 subtype confirmed in breeding ducks	Fax 902 to Ms CVO's: information on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype confirmed on 1 February in a 5000 breeding duck holding in the department of Vendée, France.
TUE-WED 03-04/02		Meeting of the SCoFAH³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The German and French delegations presented information on the LPAI situation. • The Romanian delegation reported about the detection of influenza A H5(non N1) in a sentinel bird in the Danube delta in Tulcea county during routine surveillance. • The Commission gave an update on the HPAI situation in China and the LPAI situation in Canada. • Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/3491/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 318/2007 laying down animal health conditions for imports of certain birds into the Community and the quarantine conditions thereof was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFAH. • Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/4063/2008 concerning the establishment of a voluntary system of preventive biosecurity measures with respect to avian influenza and laying down conditions for the approval of compartments of poultry and other captive birds was discussed.
FRI 06/02	DE		Fax DE 005 to Ms CVO's: updated information from Germany on the LPAI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. No further outbreak of the disease has been detected since the confirmation of the last outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza on 19 January 2009(33 outbreaks in total since the start of the event on 10 December 2008).
TUE 10/02			Fax DE 006 to Ms CVO's: updated information from Germany on the LPAI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. Testing by serology and virology of poultry holdings in the communes of Garrel and Bösel has given negative results. On 10 February the restriction measures for "Sperrgebiet 1" have been lifted.

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THU 12/02	FR		Fax 903 to Ms CVO's: information by the French authorities on a second outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 subtype detected in a duck holding in Vendée situated within 900 metres from the first outbreak.
	CA		Fax 904 to Ms CVO's: information on the confirmation of a second outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of H5N2 subtype in a commercial poultry holding located near Abbotsford, British Columbia.
MON 16/02	F		Fax 905 to Ms CVO's: updated information by the French authorities on the situation for low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 subtype. No further outbreaks (in total 2) have been detected.
	CZ		Fax 906 to Ms CVO's: information by the Czech authorities on a low pathogenic avian influenza outbreak of the H7 subtype in a poultry holding close to Horodín in the Southern Moravian region in the Czech Republic, which had been detected during routine monitoring.
WED 18/02	DE		Fax DE 007 to Ms CVO's: updated information from Germany on the LPAI H5N3 situation in Lower Saxony. All follow-up investigations gave negative results and restrictions are to be lifted by 20 February. Restrictions in relation to the LPAI H5 outbreak in a backyard flock in Qedlinburg, Saxony Anhalt, have been lifted by 12 February.
TUE-WED 03-04/03		Meeting of the SCoFCAH ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Czech Republic, France, Germany and Romania gave an update on the disease situation for low pathogenic avian influenza. • The Commission gave an update on the highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 situation in China and the low pathogenic avian influenza H5N2 situation in Canada. • Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/4063/2008-Rev2 concerning the voluntary establishment of additional preventive biosecurity measures for compartments with respect to avian influenza and laying down conditions for the approval of such compartments of poultry and other captive birds was discussed. • Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/4553/2009-Rev1 amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 laying down a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH. • Draft Commission Decision SANCO/4692/2009 amending Decision 2007/268/EC on the implementation of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds to be carried out in Member States was discussed.

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