

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

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

Response to HPAI outbreaks in EU Member States during 2019

Situation as of 16/07/2019

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This document summarises basic information on the outbreaks of Avian Influenza (AI) in several EU Member States and related EU action. It focuses on the animal health aspects.

For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the Official Journal, the Commission's [avian influenza webpage](#) and associated [press releases](#). EU legal texts – Commission Decisions (CD) and Regulations (RG) can be accessed via the [EUR-Lex](#) webpages.

For more general animal health information, please refer to the [Commission's webpage](#).

For human health information, please refer to the [Commission's relevant webpage](#) and the website of the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#).

As regards international organisations please refer to the [AI web pages of the World Animal Health Organisation](#) (OIE), the [AI web pages of the Food and Agriculture Organisation](#) (FAO) and the [AI web pages of the World Health Organisation](#) (WHO).

Info-notes on AI occurrences in Member States (MS) and information on the Commission's work are sent to EU Member States and many third countries trading with the EU. These documents are referenced, starting each year with Info-note 01. Please note that information on LPAI outbreaks in Member States is not included in this chronology.

Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission, Member States' authorities and stakeholders
TUE 16/04	BG	Publication of CID 2019/616	Info-note 11 to CVOs informing about publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/616 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
MON 15/04	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 10 to CVOs informing about the adoption Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (Bulgaria).
THU 11/04	BG	Meeting PAFF Committee ¹ Vote of CID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bulgaria obtained a favourable opinion at the meeting. Info-note 9 to CVOs informing about a favourable opinion of PAFF on draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bulgaria.
TUE 09/04	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 8 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in a laying hen farm, located in the region of Plovdiv. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC have been implemented including killing of the infected flock and the establishment of protection and surveillances zones around the outbreak.
MON 08/04	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 7 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in poultry farms, located in the region of Plovdiv. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC have been implemented including killing of the infected flock and the establishment of protection and surveillances zones around the outbreak.
WED 03/04	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 6 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in a duck farm, located in the region of Lovech. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC have been implemented including killing of the infected flock and the establishment of protection and surveillances zones around the outbreak.
TUE 26/03	BG	Publication of CID 2019/490	Info-note 5 to CVOs informing about publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/490 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States

¹ Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed – Comitology Committee chaired by the Commission, including veterinary experts from all MS's governments (https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulatory_committee_en)

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MON 25/03	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 4 to CVOs informing about the adoption Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (Bulgaria).
THU 21/03	BG	Meeting PAFF Committee ² Vote of CID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bulgaria obtained a favourable opinion at the meeting. • Info-note 3 to CVOs informing about a favourable opinion of PAFF on draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bulgaria.
THU 14/03	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 2 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in a duck farm, located in the region of Lovech. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC have been implemented including killing of the infected flock and the establishment of protection and surveillances zones around the outbreak.
MON-TUE 25-26/02		Meeting PAFF Committee ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission provided information on reporting of results of surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds carried out by Member States during 2018 and informed about the new task of EFSA for data collection and evaluation. • The Commission provided for a preliminary overview on avian influenza vaccination carried out in zoo birds during 2018.
WED 16/01	BG DK	Meeting PAFF Committee ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgaria reported on the last outbreak confirmed in mid-December in a small rural mixed poultry holding in the region of Vidin and the control measures taken. • Denmark reported on the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in wild birds.

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