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1. Identification of the programme

Member state: SLOVENSKA REPUBLIKA

Disease avian influenza in poultry and wild birds

This program is multi annual :

no

Request of Community co-financing for year :

2016

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2. Description and implementation of the surveillance programme in poultry

2.1.1 Designation of the central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme

(max. 32000 chars) :

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- c) National Contingency Plan for the control of Avian Influenza in the Slovak Republic (based on the above mentioned national legislation and also european legislation; this Plan is updated yearly)

2.1.2 System in place for the registration of holdings

(max. 32000 chars) :

According to § 8, para 3, letter z) point 4 and § 39 para 10-11, of the Act No. 39/2007 Coll. on veterinary care district veterinary and food administrations issues a decision approving for the facility intended for the production of hatching eggs, chicks, breeding poultry and productive poultry. State veterinary and food administration allocated after the decision on the approval or authorisation of the establishment, facility or activity, an official number by type of establishment, equipment or activities which they are identified.

2.1.3 Design (risk based surveillance or surveillance based on representative sampling taking into account criteria in Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC)

(max. 32000 chars) :

The design of the programme is surveillance based on representative sampling.

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Active surveillance for:

(a) low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) of subtypes H5 and H7 in gallinaceous birds (namely chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, pheasants, partridges and quails) and ratites thereby complementing other existing early detection systems;

(b) LPAI of subtypes H5 and H7 and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in domestic waterfowl (namely ducks, geese and mallards for re-stocking supplies of game);

General requirements and criteria

- This survey shall be implemented from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.
- Sampling shall cover a period appropriate to production periods for each poultry category as required.

1. All positive findings shall be retrospectively investigated at the holding and the conclusions of this investigation shall be reported to the Commission and the EURL.

2. In the Slovak Republic surveillance is based on a representative sampling scheme.

3. The following target populations are included into the seroprevalence survey: laying hens, free range laying hens, chicken breeders, turkey breeders, duck breeders, geese breeders, fattening turkeys, fattening ducks, fattening geese, farmed game birds (gallinaceous) focusing on adult birds such as breeding birds, farmed game birds (waterfowl), ratites. Broiler and backyard flocks may also be included to surveillance in the specified exceptional circumstances.

4. The sampling shall be performed in the regions of the Slovak Republic (in territories administered by the District Veterinary and Food Administrations).

2.1.3.1 *Short description of predominant poultry population and types of poultry production*

(max. 32000 chars) :

In 2014 in the Slovak republic there were:

- 118 holdings of broilers (1961 flocks)
- 9 holdings of fattening turkeys (14 flocks)
- 13 holdings of chicken breeders (153 flocks)
- 6 holdings of turkey breeders (33 flocks)
- 128 holdings of laying hens (337 flocks)
- 14 holdings of ratites (19 flocks)
- 24 holdings of farmed feathered game (41 flocks)
- 27 holdings of duck and geese (32 flocks)

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2.1.3.2 Criteria and risk factors for risk based surveillance⁽¹⁾

(max. 32000 chars) :

Not applicable.

- (1) Including maps showing target sampling sites identified as being particularly at risk for the introduction of avian influenza virus, taking into account criteria set out in point 4 of Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EC.

2.2 Target populations ⁽²⁾

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- (2) including MS specific exceptional circumstances as described in Annex I point 3 of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU)

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2.2.1 POULTRY HOLDINGS (a) (except ducks, geese and farmed game birds (waterfowl e.g. mallards) to be sampled

Serological investigation according to Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU

Targets for year

2016

Category : chicken breeders

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	40	40	5	200 HI-test (H5)	X
SK02	140	140	5	700 HI-test (H5)	X
SK03	0	0	5	0 HI-test (H5)	X
SK04	0	0	5	0 HI-test (H5)	X
SK01	40	40	5	200 HI-test (H7)	X
SK02	140	140	5	700 HI-test (H7)	X
SK03	0	0	5	0 HI-test (H7)	X
SK04	0	0	5	0 HI-test (H7)	X

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Total				1 800	
Add a new row					
(a)	<i>Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.</i>				
(b)	<i>Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested</i>				
(c)	<i>Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.</i>				

Category : laying hens

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	30	15	5	75	HI-test (H5)
SK02	250	125	5	625	HI-test (H5)
SK03	120	60	5	300	HI-test (H5)
SK04	60	30	5	150	HI-test (H5)
SK01	30	15	5	75	HI-test (H7)
SK02	250	125	5	625	HI-test (H7)
SK03	120	60	5	300	HI-test (H7)
SK04	60	30	5	150	HI-test (H7)
SK02	250	1	5	5	PCR test
Total				2 305	
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(b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested

(c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category : free range laying hens

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	2	2	5	10	HI-test (H5)
SK02	5	5	5	25	HI-test (H5)
SK03	7	7	5	35	HI-test (H5)
SK04	2	2	5	10	HI-test (H5)
SK01	2	2	5	10	HI-test (H7)
SK02	5	5	5	25	HI-test (H7)
SK03	7	7	5	35	HI-test (H7)
SK04	2	2	5	10	HI-test (H7)
SK02	5	1	5	5	PCR test
Total				165	
Add a new row					

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(c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

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Category : turkey breeders

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	0	0	5	0	HI-test (H5)
SK02	40	40	5	200	HI-test (H5)
SK03	0	0	5	0	HI-test (H5)
SK04	0	0	5	0	HI-test (H5)
SK01	0	0	5	0	HI-test (H7)
SK02	40	40	5	200	HI-test (H7)
SK03	0	0	5	0	HI-test (H7)
SK04	0	0	5	0	HI-test (H7)
Total				400	
Add a new row					

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 (b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested
 (c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category : fattening turkeys

delete this category

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NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
SK01	2	2	5	10	HI-test (H5)	X
SK02	5	5	5	25	HI-test (H5)	X
SK03	6	6	5	30	HI-test (H5)	X
SK04	5	5	5	25	HI-test (H5)	X
SK01	2	2	5	10	HI-test (H7)	X
SK02	5	5	5	25	HI-test (H7)	X
SK03	6	6	5	30	HI-test (H7)	X
SK04	5	5	5	25	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				180		
Add a new row						

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested

(c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

delete this category

Category : farmed game birds (gallinaceous)

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
SK01	1	1	5	5	HI-test (H5)	X
SK02	40	40	5	200	HI-test (H5)	X

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SK03	3	3	5	15 HI-test (H5)	X
SK04	5	5	5	25 HI-test (H5)	X
SK01	1	1	5	5 HI-test (H7)	X
SK02	40	40	5	200 HI-test (H7)	X
SK03	3	3	5	15 HI-test (H7)	X
SK04	5	5	5	25 HI-test (H7)	X
Total				490	
Add a new row					

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

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(c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Category : ratites

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of holdings(c)	Total number of holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	0	0	5	0 HI-test (H5)	X
SK02	15	15	5	75 HI-test (H5)	X
SK03	3	3	5	15 HI-test (H5)	X
SK04	8	8	5	40 HI-test (H5)	X
SK01	0	0	5	0 HI-test (H7)	X

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SK02	15	15	5	75	HI-test (H7)	X
SK03	3	3	5	15	HI-test (H7)	X
SK04	8	8	5	40	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				260		
Add a new row						

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.
 (b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member States is requested
 (c) Total number of holdings of one category of poultry in concerned NUTS 2 region.

Add a category

Totals	Total number of tests	
Total poultry 2016		5 600

2.2.2 DUCKS ,GEESE AND FARMED GAME BIRDS (WATERFOWL e.g. MALLARD) HOLDINGS (a) to be sampled.

Serological investigation according to Annex I to Commission Decision 2010/367/EU

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Targets for year

2016

Category : duck breeders

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)
SK02	5	5	20	100	HI-test (H5)
SK03	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)
SK04	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)
SK01	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H7)
SK02	5	5	20	100	HI-test (H7)
SK03	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H7)
SK04	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H7)
Total				200	
Add a new row					

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested

Category : fattening ducks

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
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SK01	0	0	20	0	0	HI-test (H5)	X
SK02	20	20	20	20	400	HI-test (H5)	X
SK03	1	1	20	1	20	HI-test (H5)	X
SK04	3	3	20	3	60	HI-test (H5)	X
SK01	0	0	20	0	0	HI-test (H7)	X
SK02	20	20	20	20	400	HI-test (H7)	X
SK03	1	1	20	1	20	HI-test (H7)	X
SK04	3	3	20	3	60	HI-test (H7)	X
Total					960		
Add a new row							

(a) Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.

(b) Refers to the location of the holding of origin. In case NUTS (2) code can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested

Category : geese breeders

delete this category

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis
SK01	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)
SK02	5	5	20	100	HI-test (H5)
SK03	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)
SK04	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)
SK01	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H7)
SK02	5	5	20	100	HI-test (H7)
SK03	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H7)

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SK04	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				200		
Add a new row						

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delete this category

Category : fattening geese

NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings to be sampled	Number of samples per holding	Total number of tests	Method of laboratory analysis	
SK01	0	0	20	0	HI-test (H5)	X
SK02	7	7	20	140	HI-test (H5)	X
SK03	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H5)	X
SK04	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H5)	X
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SK02	7	7	20	140	HI-test (H7)	X
SK03	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H7)	X
SK04	2	2	20	40	HI-test (H7)	X
Total				440		
Add a new row						

(a) *Holdings or herds or flocks or establishments as appropriate.*

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Add a category

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NUTS (2) (b)	Total number of tests	
Total ducks and geese and farmed game birds 2016	1 800	

TOTALS for Poultry (2.2.1) + Ducks and Geese (2.2.2) and farmed game birds for year :

2016

Poultry + Ducks/Geese /farmed game birds	Total number of tests
Grand Total	7 400
Grand Total ELISA	0
Grand Total agar	0
Grand Total HI tests (H5)	3 695
Grand Total HI tests (H7)	3 695
Grand Total Virus Isolation test	0
Grand Total PCR test	10
Grand Total Other test	0
Grand Total Samplings	0

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2.3 *Sampling procedures, sampling periods and frequency of testing taking into account criteria set out in Annex I of Commission Decision 2010/367/EC*

(max. 32000 chars):

The sampling shall be performed in the regions of the Slovak Republic (in territories administered by the District Veterinary and Food Administrations) in such a manner that the regions might be supposed as representative ones for the whole Slovak Republic, taking into account the following:

- o the number of holdings to be sampled (excluding ducks, geese and mallard holdings); that number shall be defined so as to ensure the identification of at least one infected holding if the prevalence of infected holdings is at least 5%, with a 95% confidence interval;
- o the number of duck, geese and mallard holdings to be sampled shall be defined to ensure the identification of at least one infected holding if the prevalence of infected holdings is at least 5%, with a 99% confidence interval;
- o the time period for sampling shall coincide with seasonal production, but samples can also be taken at slaughterhouse;
- o the number of birds sampled from each holding except ducks, geese and mallards shall be defined so as to ensure 95% probability of identifying at least one positive bird if the prevalence of sero-positive birds is $\geq 30\%$. Blood samples for serological examination shall be collected from all poultry production categories and poultry species from at least 5 to 10 birds (except ducks, geese and mallards) per poultry holding, and from the different sheds, where more than one shed is present on a holding. In case of several sheds, samples shall be taken from at least five birds per shed.
- o The numbers of ducks, geese and mallards to be sampled in the poultry holding shall be defined so as to ensure 95 % probability of identifying at least one bird that tests sero-positive for avian influenza where the prevalence of sero-positive birds is $\geq 30\%$. Twenty blood samples shall be taken in duck, geese and mallard holdings.
- o Sampling for virological testing for avian influenza shall not be used as an alternative to serological testing and must be performed solely within the framework of investigations to follow-up serological positive testing results for avian influenza.

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2.4. Laboratory testing : description of the laboratory tests used and follow up investigations taking into account criteria set out in the Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Common Decision 2006/437/EC)

Description of the used serological tests : (max 32000 chars)

Laboratory tests shall be carried out in accordance with the avian influenza Diagnostic Manual (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC) laying down the procedures for the confirmation and differential diagnosis of avian influenza (including examination of sera from ducks and geese by haemagglutination inhibition test).

- Laboratory diagnostics is performed by the National Reference Laboratory – The State Veterinary and Food Institute - Veterinary Institute in Zvolen. The National Reference Laboratory shall submit all results of serological and cultivation testing to the State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic and next the results shall be submitted to the EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for their comparison and information exchange and flow.

- All avian influenza virus isolates shall be submitted to the EURL in accordance with Community legislation. Viruses of H5/H7 subtype shall be submitted without delay and shall be subjected to the standard characterisation tests (nucleotide sequencing/IVPI) according to the avian influenza Diagnostic Manual.

- All results shall be sent to the EU Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza (EURL) for collation. A good flow of information must be ensured. The EURL shall provide technical support and keep an enlarged stock of diagnostic reagents.

- The National Reference Laboratory shall submit to the EURL, H5 or H7 positive sera collected from Anseriformes in order that an archive be established to facilitate future test development.

- All positive serological findings shall be confirmed by the National Laboratories for avian influenza by a haemagglutination – inhibition test, using designated strains supplied by the EU Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza:

for H5 (a) Initial test using teal/England/7894/06 (H5N3)

for H7 (b) Test all positives with Chicken/Scotland/59 (H5N1) to eliminate N3 cross reactive antibodies.

(a) Initial test using Turkey/England/647177 (H7N7)

(b) Test all positives with African Starling/983/79 (H7N1) to eliminate N7 cross reactive antibodies.

All positive serological findings must be followed up at the poultry holding by epidemiological investigations and further sampling for testing by virological methods in order to determine, if active infection of avian influenza virus is present on the poultry holding. The conclusions of all those investigations shall be reported to the Commission.

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3. Description and implementation of the surveillance programme in wild birds

3.1.1 *Designation of the central authority in charge of supervising and coordinating the departments responsible for implementing the programme and relevant collaborating partners (e.g. epidemiologists, ornithologists, nature bird observation and hunter organisations).*

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- implement the survey plan (official sampling).

State veterinary Institute Zvolen shall

- perform laboratory diagnostics;
- evaluate and process data of investigations in the SR;
- provide professional services.

Slovak Hunting Association shall

- co-operate with state administration authorities.

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3.1.2 Description and delimitation of the geographical and administrative areas in which the programme is to be applied

max. 32000 chars):

The programme will be carried out on the whole territory of the Slovak Republic.

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3.1.3 Estimation of the local and/or migratory wildlife population

(max. 32000 chars) :

On the basis of data from Faunistic Commission of the Slovak Ornithological Society 349 species of wild birds are recorded in the Slovak Republic, from which 222 were local species and 127 migratory wild birds.

3.2 Design, criteria, risk factors and target population(3)

(max. 32000 chars) :

The objective of the surveillance programme for avian influenza in wild birds is the early detection of HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in wild birds in order to protect poultry in poultry holdings and safeguard veterinary public health.

Surveillance shall be implemented from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

Surveillance in wild birds in the Slovak Republic will be realized in co-operation with the ornithological or hunting organizations.

(a) A risk-based surveillance (RBS) shall be implemented as a 'passive' surveillance system by laboratory investigation of moribund wild birds or birds found dead and it shall be specifically directed towards water bird species.

(b) Wild birds, in particular migratory water birds, that have been shown to be at a higher risk of becoming infected with, and transmitting the HPAI H5N1 virus, the 'target species' (TS), shall be specifically targeted. List of wild bird species which are targeted for sampling and testing for avian influenza is attached in the Survey Plan.

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(c) Areas close to the sea, lakes and waterways where birds were found dead; and in particular when these areas are in close proximity to poultry holdings, especially in areas where there is a high density of poultry holdings, shall be targeted.

(d) Close cooperation with epidemiologists and ornithologists and the competent authority for nature conservation shall be ensured in the preparation of the surveillance programme, assisting in species identification and optimising sampling adapted to the national situation.

(e) If the epidemiological situation for the HPAI H5N1 virus so requires, surveillance activities shall be enhanced by awareness raising and active searching and monitoring for dead or moribund wild birds, in particular for those belonging to TS. This could be triggered by the detection of the HPAI H5N1 virus in poultry and/or wild birds in neighbouring Member States and third countries or in countries which are linked via the movement of migratory wild birds, in particular those of TS, to the Member State concerned. In that case the specific migration patterns and wild bird species, which may vary in different Member States shall be taken into account.

(3) *Areas at risk (wetlands in particular where links with high density poultry populations), previous positive findings as referred to in point 2 of Part 1 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2010/367/EC should be taken into account and if possible complemented by a map.*

3.2.1 WILD BIRDS focussed on target species

Investigations according to the surveillance programme set out in conformity with Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2010/367/EC

Targets for year **2016**

NUTS (2) code/region (a)	Total number of birds to be sampled	Estimated total number of samples to be taken for passive surveillance	Type of test	Number of tests
SK01	50	50	PCR test	50
				X

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SK02	50	50 PCR test	50	X
SK03	50	50 PCR test	50	X
SK04	50	50 PCR test	50	X
Total				
Add a new row				

(a) Refers to the place of collection of birds/samples. In case NUTS 2 (Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) can not be used, region as defined in the programme by the Member State is requested. Please fill-in these values directly in the field.

	Total number of tests
Total number of tests	200
Total Virus isolation tests	0
Total PCR tests	200
Total Other tests	0

3.3 Sampling procedures and sampling periods

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Sampling procedures shall be carried out in accordance with the Diagnostic Manual.

(a) Cloacal and tracheal/oropharyngeal swabs and/or tissues from wild birds found dead or moribund shall be sampled for molecular detection (PCR) and/or virus isolation.

(b) Specific care must be taken for the storage and transport of samples in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of Chapter IV of the Diagnostic Manual. All avian influenza virus isolates of cases in wild birds shall be submitted to the EURL, unless a derogation has been granted as provided for in paragraph 4(d)

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of Chapter V of the Diagnostic Manual. Viruses of the H5/H7 subtype shall be submitted to the EURL without delay and shall be subjected to the standard characterisation tests (nucleotide sequencing/IVPI) according to the Diagnostic Manual.

3.4 Laboratory testing : description of the laboratory tests used taking into account criteria set out in the *Diagnostic Manual for avian influenza (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC)*

max 32000 chars :

- Laboratory tests shall be carried out in accordance with the avian influenza diagnostic manual (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC) laying down the procedures for the confirmation and differential diagnostic of avian influenza.
- Laboratory diagnostics is performed by the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) – The State Veterinary and Food Institute in Zvolen. The NRL shall submit all results of serological and virological testing to the State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic and next the results shall be submitted to the EU Reference Laboratory (EURL) for their comparison and information exchange and flow.
- All results shall be sent to the EU Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza (EURL) for collation. A good flow of information must be ensured. The EURL shall provide technical support and keep an enlarged stock of diagnostic reagents.
- All avian influenza virus isolates of cases in wild birds shall be submitted to the EURL in accordance with Community legislation, unless derogation according to paragraph 4 of Chapter V under Differential diagnosis in the avian influenza Diagnostic Manual laid down in Commission Decision 2006/437/EC is granted. Viruses of H5/H7 subtype shall be submitted without delay and shall be subjected to the standard characterisation tests (nucleotide sequencing/IVPI) according to the said avian influenza Diagnostic Manual.
- All samples collected in the surveillance for avian influenza in wild birds shall be tested as soon as possible by molecular techniques if available and according to the diagnostic manual (Commission Decision 2006/437/EC). These tests shall only be carried out in laboratories able to guarantee quality assurance and using methods recognised by the EURL for avian influenza. In addition, methods used must be produced acceptable results in the most recent comparative ring test of national laboratories. Initial screening using M gene PCR is recommended, with rapid testing of positives for H5 (but within 2 weeks) and in case of a positive finding analysis of the cleavage site must be undertaken as soon as possible to determine whether or not it has a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or a low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) motif. If H5 HPAI is confirmed further analysis to determine the N type must be done rapidly (even this can only provide evidence eliminating N1).
- At the laboratory, pooling of up to five samples taken from the same species of wild birds collected at the same site and same time may be permitted when it can be ensured that, in case of a positive finding, the individual samples can be identified and retested.
- Serological surveillance shall not be applied for avian influenza investigations in wild birds because serological methods cannot distinguish between HP and LP strains and antibody findings do not allow inference in relation to the likely location where wild birds might have become infected. However, serological surveillance might be important to study in which resident or migrating bird species H5/H7 viruses are/were prevalent (or endemic). Such

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analysis shall only be performed by specialized laboratories using a carefully selected panel of antigens to ensure the detection of haemagglutinin specific antibodies (i.e. to eliminate the possibility of interference from N specific antibodies).

4. *Description of the epidemiological situation of the disease in poultry during the last five years*

(max 32000 chars) :

2010

Number of samples investigated is 1460. All the samples were negative.

2011

Number of samples investigated is 1401. All the samples were negative.

2012

Number of samples investigated is 1400. All the samples were negative.

2013

Number of samples investigated is 1873. All the samples were negative.

2014

Number of samples investigated is 2023. All the samples were negative.

5. *Description of the epidemiological situation of the disease in wild birds during the last five years*

(max. 32000 chars) :

2010 - Total investigated 28 samples. All the samples were negative.

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2011 - Total investigated 29 samples. All the samples were negative.

2012 - Total investigated 30 samples (19 for passive, 11 for active surveillance). All the samples were negative.

2013 - Total investigated 28 samples (25 for passive, 3 for active surveillance). All the samples were negative.

2014 - Total investigated 42 samples (14 for passive, 28 for active surveillance). All the samples were negative.

6. *Measures in place as regards the notification of the disease*

(max. 32000 chars) :

Measures in place as regards the notification of the disease are described in detail in the national legislation:

- § 17 and § 18 of the Act No. 39/2007 Coll. on veterinary care

- § 4 - § 30 of the Decree of the Slovak Government No. 367/2007 Coll. on the measures for the control of avian influenza (transposition of Council Directive 2005/94/EC)

- all the necessary measures in case of disease outbreak are described also in the National Contingency Plan for the control of Avian Influenza in the Slovak Republic.

7. *Costs*

7.1 *Detailed analysis of the costs*

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7.1.1 Poultry including ducks, geese and farmed game birds

(max. 32000 chars) :

- From poultry holdings shall be taken blood samples, 5- 10 samples per holding, and from different sheds, where more than one shed is present on a holding. In case of several sheds, samples shall be taken from at least 5 birds per shed.
- From holdings of ducks, geese and mallards 20 blood samples shall be taken per holding.
- Blood samples shall be investigated by haemagglutination – inhibition test for H5 and for H7.
- In case of suspicion of infection of avian influenza in poultry holdings (drop in feed and water intake higher than 20%, drop in egg production higher than 5%, mortality rate higher than 3% in a week, any clinical sign or post – mortem lesion suggesting infection of avian influenza) have to be taken blood samples and dead animals (in case of high mortality). Samples taken from dead animals shall be investigated by PCR test or virus isolation test.

Estimated total cost for surveillance of avian influenza in poultry in 2016 is 73 900 € for HI (H5/H7) tests (the unitary cost is 10,00 €) and 659 € for PCR tests (the unitary cost is 65,90 €).

7.1.2 Wild birds

(max. 32000 chars) :

- Samples from wild birds shall be investigated by PCR test. We estimate that in 2016, the NRL will investigate 200 samples from wild birds (in the context of passive surveillance).

Estimated total cost for surveillance of avian influenza in wild birds in 2016 is 13 180 € for PCR tests (the unitary cost is 65,90 €).

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Samples	0	1.19	0
Other measures			
Vaccination (LPAI)	0	0	0
Total poultry, duck, geese, farmed game birds Testing + Sampling + Other measures			
			71 437,00 €
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			X

(*) as per cofinancing decision for 2014 programmes

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7.2.2 Wild bird surveillance

Detail analysis of the cost of the programme - wild birds

Targets for year **2016**

Laboratory testing				
Methods of laboratory analysis	Number of tests	Unitary test cost (per method) in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Virus isolation test	0	37.88	0	
PCR test	200	19.74	3948	
Other cost	0	0	0	
Delivery of wild animals				
	No of wild birds	Eligible cost in € (*)	Total cost (€)	
Delivery of wild animals	200	5	1000	
Other measures				
	Number	Unitary cost in €	Total cost (€)	

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not applicable	0	0	0	X
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Total wild birds Testing + Delivery + Other measures			4 948,00 €	

(*) as per cofinancing decision for 2014 programmes

TOTALS for Poultry, duck, geese, farmed game birds (7.2.1) + WILD BIRDS (7.2.2) for year :

2016

Grand Total Poultry, Ducks/Geese/Farmed game birds + WILD BIRDS	Total Cost
	76 385

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C. Financial information

1. Identification of the implementing entities - financial circuits/flows

Identify and describe the entities which will be in charge of implementing the eligible measures planned in this programme which costs will constitute the reimbursement/payment claim to the EU. Describe the financial flows/circuits followed.

Each of the following paragraphs (from a to e) shall be filled out if EU cofinancing is requested for the related measure.

a) Implementing entities - **sampling**: who perform the official sampling? Who pays? (e.g. authorised private vets perform the sampling and are paid by the regional veterinary services (state budget); sampling equipment is provided by the private laboratory testing the samples which includes the price in the invoice which is paid by the local state veterinary services (state budget))

(max. 32000 chars):

The official sampling is performed by the official vets (DVFA inspectors) or authorised private vets (paid by the district veterinary services - state budget)

b) Implementing entities - **testing**: who performs the testing of the official samples? Who pays? (e.g. regional public laboratories perform the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid by the state budget)

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(max. 32000 chars) :

The official samples are sent to NRL - VI Zvolen (investigation of official samples is paid by the state budget)

- c) Implementing entities - **compensation**: who performs the compensation? Who pays? (e.g. compensation is paid by the central level of the state veterinary services, or compensation is paid by an insurance fund fed by compulsory farmers contribution)

(max. 32000 chars) :

Compensation is publicly available according to para 45 of the Act No. 39/2007 on veterinary care. Fundable are all the measures, which are related to an outbreak of avian influenza.

- the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic - provides compensations to breeders in compliance with the Act No. 39/2007 Coll., § 45, following the suggestion of CVO of the Slovak Republic

- d) Implementing entities - **vaccination** : who provides the vaccine and who performs the vaccination? Who pays the vaccine? Who pays the vaccinator? (e.g. farmers buy their vaccine to the private vets, send the paid invoices to the local state veterinary services which reimburse the farmers of the full amount and the vaccinator is paid by the regional state veterinary services)

(max. 32000 chars) :

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e) Implementing entities - **other essential measures**: who implement this measure? Who provide the equipment/service? Who pays?

(max. 32000 chars) :

Not applicable

2 Co-financing rate (see provisions of applicable Work Programme)

The maximum co-financing rate is in general fixed at 50%. However based on provisions of Article 5.2 and 5.3 of the Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, we request that the co-financing rate for the reimbursement of the eligible costs would be increased:

Up to 75% for the measures detailed below

Up to 100% for the measures detailed below

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3. Source of funding of eligible measures

All eligible measures for which cofinancing is requested and reimbursement will be claimed are financed by public funds.

yes

no

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