

PAFF Committee Animal Health and Welfare & Controls and Import Conditions

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- 20 January 2020: a case of HPAI H5N8 was confirmed in a greater whitefronted goose in the district Spree-Neisse (Brandenburg)
- 7 February 2020: an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 was confirmed in a small holding with 9 captured birds (canaries) and 60 poultry (49 laying hens, 6 ducks, 3 pheasants and 2 geese) in the district Hohenlohekreis (Baden-Wuerttemberg)

HPAI H5N8 in a greater whitefronted goose in Brandenburg

- Location: Landkreis Spree-Neisse
- Following a risk analysis of the competent authority on the basis of current legislation no restriction zone was established
- Wild bird monitoring (which did not reveal positive results in 2019 so far) is intensified.
- In the surrounding of the location there are only few small poultry holdings.
 Holdings with more than 1.000 animals are at least 15 km abroad.



HPAI H5N8 in a greater whitefronted goose in Brandenburg



HPAI H5N8 in a small commercial holding in Baden-Wuerttemberg

- Location: Hohenlohekreis
- Restriction zones: Hohenlohekreis, Landkreise Heilbronn and Schwäbisch Hall
- Commercial character of the laying hens (productive poultry reared with the view to producing eggs for consumption), the ducks and geese.
- All animals were culled and safely disposed right after the suspicion of the disease.
- Preliminary cleaning and disinfection was finalized on 7 February 2020 after culling and save disposal of the birds of the holding.



HPAI H5N8 in a small commercial holding in Baden-Wuerttemberg

- This all was directly done after the suspicion of the disease; therefore before the official confirmation of the disease.
- The epidemiologic investigations are ongoing.
- The laying hens, ducks and gees were tested positive. The other birds were H5N8-negatively tested.
- Near a feeding stuff plant.
- The plant and the holding are different epidemiological units.
- The competent authority improved biosecurity in the feed establishments.



Review and amendment of hunting legislation



Restriction Zones

