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AVIAN INFLUENCE SITUATION IN BULGARIA

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UPDATE OF THE HPAI (H5N8) SITUATION, since last PAFF, December 2018

- 1 HPAI H5N8 outbreak in backyard poultry (ADNS 2018/28)
- Kosovo village, Bregovo municipality, Vidin region
- Suspicion – on 14/12/2018 within passive surveillance;
- Confirmation - on 17/12/2018
- Susceptible spp.- 350 pigeons, 50 hens and 3 pheasants
- Mortality (38 laying hens and 1 pigeon found dead) and pathological findings
- Possible source - environment (outdoor reared poultry);
- Culling and disinfection 18/12/2018 ;
- 3 km protective and 10 km surveillance zone - no commercial poultry holdings



Map - HPAI H5N8 outbreak in backyard poultry (ADNS 2018/28)



MEASURES TAKEN TO COMBAT HPAI (H5N8)

No changes of the preventive and control measures taken so far

- Enhanced laboratory surveillance in each farm with domestic poultry :
 - serological testing (every 2 months)
 - virological pre-movement testing in duck farms in high risk area.
- Repopulation of previous infected farm (Vi and Ab positive) is allowed, as:
 - following the provisions of Article 49 of Directive 2005/94/EC
 - after lifting the restriction zones
 - repopulation with sentinels 21 days
- Poultry positive for Ab against HPAI (negative for HPAI Vi) are sent for immediate slaughtering (aiming at avoiding the presence of poultry population of HPAI Ab positive);
- 6 months break from operation in the farms where HPAI outbreaks were confirmed more than twice time within 12 months (6 months ban for repopulation)
- No derogation for trade and poultry movement within the protection and surveillance zones is allowed (derogations in line with the Directive);

No positive farms for H5 /H7 Ab and Vi



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Thank you for the attention!

A black and white photograph showing a large group of ducklings huddled together on a nest of straw. A mother duck is visible on the right side of the nest, looking towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

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