

AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI)

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

Situation as of 31 December 2010 (15:00 hrs)

Response to outbreaks in Member States and third countries

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG Health and Consumers
Unit D1: Animal Health and Standing Committees

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TUE 12/01		Meeting of the SCoFAH ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Italy presented information on the low pathogenic avian influenza situation.• Portugal presented information on a preventive vaccination plan against avian influenza.• Spain informed the Commission on the authorisation of the hunting with decoy birds in the Catalan region.• Draft Commission Decision (SANCO/7002/2010) concerning preventive vaccination against low pathogenic avian influenza in mallard ducks in Portugal and certain measures restricting the movements of such poultry and their products was discussed.
FRI	IT	LPAI in poultry and	Fax 001 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on findings for low pathogenic avian influenza in three poultry

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).

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15/01		captive birds holdings	holdings located in 1) Lazio region, Rome province in a mixed poultry holding, 2) Umbria region, province Perugia in a dealer holding and 3) Tuscany region, Pisa province in a small laying hen holding.
TUE 26/01	IT		Fax 002 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype by PCR in a hobby holding keeping poultry and captive birds and on sero-positivity for low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7 subtype in a small poultry holding located in the Tuscany region, Pisa province, Lajatico commune. The latter holding which is located in the restricted zone established around the holding referred to in fax 001/2010 of 15/01 is epidemiologically linked.
WED 27/01	Israel	Israel HPAI H5N1 confirmed in poultry	Fax 002 to Ms CVO's: information from the veterinary authorities of Israel on an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype confirmed on 26 January in a poultry holding located in En Shemer, district of Hadera, province Haifa. The 43,000 breeder pullets of 16 weeks of age which are kept in three poultry houses are being killed. No live poultry and poultry meat can be dispatched from Israel to the European Union. Fax 003 to Ms CVO's: information following a request from Israel on possible imports of consignments of poultry meat already on their way to the European Union ("floating consignments") and certified before the outbreak.
WED 03/02	Israel		Fax 004 to Ms CVO's: information from Israel on the control measures taken in relation to the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza confirmed in Ein Shemer, province Haifa with a request to the Commission to limit trade restrictions to the area surrounding the infected holding.
THU-FRI 04-05/02		Meeting of the SCoFAH³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italy presented information on the situation for low pathogenic avian influenza situation. • The Commission informed about the online submission of results for surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds and distributed Docs. SANCO/7005/2010 and SANCO/7006/2010 providing technical guidance. • Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7002/2010-Rev.1) concerning preventive vaccination against low pathogenic avian influenza in mallard ducks in Portugal and certain measures restricting the movements of such poultry and their products was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFAH. • Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7072/2009-Rev.1) 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. • The Commission informed about an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Israel. • Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7025/2010) of amending Annex I to 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 with respect to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel proposing regionalisation was discussed. • The Commission informed on the state of play for adoption and publication of document "Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/4694/2009-Rev.3) amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 laying down a list of third countries,

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			territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transit through the Community and the veterinary certification requirements".
MON 22/02	Israel		Fax 005 to Ms CVO's: the final report on the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in a poultry breeder holding located in Ein Shemer, district of Hadera, province Haifa that was confirmed on 26/01/2010.
TUE-WED 02-03/03		Meeting of the SCoFCAH⁴	Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7025/2010) of amending Annex I to 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 with respect to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel proposing regionalisation was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.
TUE 02/03	Israel		Fax 006 to Ms CVO's: Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7025/2010-Rev.1) amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 laying down a list of third countries from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into and transited through the EU was endorsed today by Member States at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the SCoFCAH.
TUE 09/03	DK	Denmark LPAI H7 confirmed in poultry	Fax 007 to Ms CVO's: information provided by Denmark on the confirmation of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7 subtype in a poultry holding in Fuglebjerg, Næstved municipality (Zealand) keeping breeding mallards.
THU 11/03	Israel		Fax 008 to Ms CVO's: information on regionalisation of imports of certain poultry commodities in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Israel and the application of the measures in anticipation of formal adoption with prior agreement
MON 12/03	RO	Romania HPAI H5N1 confirmed in poultry	Fax 009 to Ms CVO's: information on a confirmed outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in Letea, Tulcea county, Romania.
TUE 16/03	RO		Fax 010 to Ms CVO's: information on the adoption of urgent protection measures by the Commission in relation to the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 in Letea, Tulcea county at 17:00 hrs. Press release (IP/10/285) was issued.
WED 17/03		CD 2010/158/EU published in the OJ	Concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in poultry in Romania.
			Fax 011 to Ms CVO's: information on publication of CD 2010/158/EU concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in poultry in Romania
MON 22/03	RO		An audio conference was held between the Commission and Member States to discuss the disease situation for highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in Romania and the draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7045/2010)

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TUE 23/3		Meeting of the SCoFAH ⁵	Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7045/2010) amending Decision 2006/415/EC as regards certain protection measures in relation to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Romania was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFAH.
		Reg 239/2010 Reg 215/2010 published in the OJ	Amending Regulation No 318/2007 Amending Annex I to Regulation No 798/2008
WED 24/03	DK	Denmark LPAI H7 confirmed in poultry	Fax 012 to Ms CVO's: information from Denmark on the confirmation of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7 subtype in a holding keeping breeding mallards in the village Brenderup Fyn in the municipality of Middelfart (Funen).
		Reg 241/2010 published in the OJ	Amending Annex I to Regulation No 798/2008
FRI 26/03			Fax 013 to Ms CVO's: information by the Commission on the publication of amendments to Commission regulations on imports of certain poultry commodities and captive birds (Regulation No 239/2010, No 241/2010 and No 215/2010)
MON 29/03	RO		Fax 014 to Ms CVO's: information from Romania on a second outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype confirmed in backyard poultry in Plauru village, county of Tulcea.
	BG		Fax 015 to Ms CVO's: information from Bulgaria on the suspicion of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in a buzzard found dead at the Black Sea coast in Varna region.
	RO		Fax 016 to Ms CVO's: consultation of SCoFAH by written procedure on a draft Commission Decision on protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in Romania to adapt zones under restrictions and duration of measures.
TUE 30/03	PT	CD 2010/189/EU published in the OJ	Decision on preventive vaccination against low pathogenic avian influenza in mallard ducks in Portugal
WED 31/03	DK		Fax 017 to Ms CVO's: information from Denmark on the lifting of the restrictive measures for the outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of H7 subtype in a poultry holding in Fuglebjerg, Næstved municipality (Zealand). Restriction measures remain in place for the second outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7 subtype in breeding mallards in the village Brenderup Fyn in the municipality of Middelfart (Funen).
THU 01/04	BG	Bulgaria HPAI H5N1 confirmed in a wild bird	Fax 018 to Ms CVO's: information received from Bulgaria on the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in a buzzard found dead at the Black Sea coast in Varna region.

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MON-TUE 12-13/04		Meeting of the SCoFCAH ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romania presented information on the situation for highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in backyard poultry in Tulcea county. • Bulgaria presented information on the situation for highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in a wild bird in Varna province. • Denmark presented information on the situation for low pathogenic avian influenza situation of the H7 subtype. • The Commission presented document SANCO/7043/2010 for an exchange of views on reporting of Newcastle disease in pigeons and of low pathogenic avian influenza in other captive birds. • Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7042/2010) on the implementation of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds to be carried out in the Member States was discussed. • France presented information on low pathogenic avian influenza in decoy birds (Doc. SANCO/7073/2010).
SAT 17/04	RO	CD 2010/218/EU published in the OJ	Decision amending Decision 2006/415/EC as regards protection measures in relation to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Romania
MON 19/04	DK		Fax 019 to Ms CVO's: information from Denmark on the lifting of the restrictive measures for the outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of H7 subtype in a poultry holding in Brenderup Fyn in the municipality of Middelfart (Funen). No further AI restricted zones in the country.
	RO		Fax 020 to Ms CVO's: information on the publication of Decision 2010/218/EU in relation highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Romania in particular with regard to the second outbreak of the disease in Plauru village in Tulcea county.
TUE 20/04	IT		Fax 021 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on the detection of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7N3 subtype in one dealer holding and one laying hen holding, both located in the commune of Rogno, Bergamo province, Lombardy region. Birds present on the holdings were culled and a restricted zone of 1km radius was established.
FRI 23/04	Israel	Reg. 332/2010 published in the OJ	amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Israel in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments
MON-TUE 03-04/05		Meeting of the SCoFCAH ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italy presented information on the situation for low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry on its territory. • Spain presented additional scientific information on the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza that had occurred in mid October 2009. • Draft Commission Decision on the implementation by Member States of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds (Doc.SANCO/7042/2010 – Rev. 1) was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH. • The Commission presented document SANCO/7043/2010- Rev.3 for a further exchange of views on reporting of

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			Newcastle disease in pigeons and of low pathogenic avian influenza in other captive birds.
TUE 11/05	Israel	Israel outbreak of HPAI H5N1 confirmed in a captive bird	Fax 022 to Ms CVO's: information from the veterinary authorities of Israel on an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in an emu kept in a mini zoo in Kibbutz Eln Gedi, province of Hadarom. Other birds present on the premises have been killed.
MON 17/05	NL	The Netherlands LPAI H7 confirmed in poultry	Fax 023 to Ms CVO's: information from the Dutch authorities on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H7 in a free range laying hen holding located in the commune of Deurne, province of North Brabant which was detected during routine surveillance.
FRI 21/05	NL		Fax 024 to Ms CVO's: additional information from the Dutch authorities on the outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza in a poultry holding in the province of North Brabant. The detected virus is characterised as low pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H7N4.
THU-FRI 01-02/06		Meeting of the SCoFCAH ⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Netherlands presented information on the situation as regards low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry. • Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7076/2010) amending Decision 93/152/EEC laying down the criteria for vaccines to be used against Newcastle disease in the context of routine vaccination programmes was discussed. • Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7077/2010) amending 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 requirements as regards the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease was discussed.
TUE 08/06	NL		Fax 025 to Ms CVO's: information from the Dutch veterinary authorities on the lifting of the measures for the restricted zone established around the disease affected poultry holding in Deurne by 7 June 2010.
THU 01/07		Meeting of the SCoFCAH ⁹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission presented document SANCO/7043/2010- Rev.5 for a further exchange of views on reporting of Newcastle disease in pigeons and of low pathogenic avian influenza in other captive birds. • The Commission presented information received from Israel on surveillance for avian influenza in their country (Doc. SANCO 7113/2010).
		CD 2010/367/EU published in the OJ	Commission Decision on the implementation by Member States of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds
THU 08/07			Fax 026 to Ms CVO's: information on publication of Commission Decision 2010/367/EU on the implementation by Member States of surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds

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FRI 06/08			Fax 027 to Ms CVO's: information on publication of the presentations given at the 16 th Joint Annual Meeting of the National Reference Laboratories for avian influenza and Newcastle disease on the Commission's website.
WED–THU 07-08/09		Meeting of the SCoFAH ¹⁰	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EU Reference Laboratory for avian influenza presented the results of the surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in the EU during 2009. Draft Commission Decision (Doc.SANCO/7172/2010) amending Decisions 2005/734/EC, 2005/692/EC, 2006/415/EC, 2007/25/EC and 2007/494/EC in relation to avian influenza as regards the period of application was discussed. Draft Commission Decision (Doc.SANCO/7050/2010) amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 and Decision 2007/777/EC to permit import into and transit from the Russian Federation through the European Union of poultry meat and poultry meat products was put for a vote and endorsed by SCoFAH.
THU 07/10	IT	Italy LPAI H7 confirmed in poultry	Fax 028 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on the confirmation of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7 subtype in a mixed poultry holding located in the commune of Volongo, Cremona province, Lombardy region. The 1500 poultry present on the holding have been killed and cleaning and disinfection of the holding has been carried out. A 1km kilometre restriction zone has been established around the infected holding.
MON-TUE 11-12/10		Meeting of the SCoFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7115/2010) amending Annexes II and IV to Council Directive 2009/158/EC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs was discussed. Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7172/2010-Rev.1) amending Decisions 2005/734/EC, 2005/692/EC, 2006/415/EC, 2007/25/EC and 2007/494/EC as regards avian influenza was put for a vote and endorsed by SCoFAH.
SAT 16/10		Reg 925/2010 published in the OJ	Commission Regulation amending Decision 2007/777/EC and Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards transit through the Union of poultry meat and poultry meat products from Russia.
TUE-WED 09-10/11		Meeting of the SCoFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission presented a draft working document (Doc. SANCO/7126/2010) on animal health conditions for birds participating in EU bird exhibitions. Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7115/2010-Rev.2) amending Annexes II and IV to Council Directive 2009/158/EC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs was discussed. The Commission presented a draft working document SANCO/7158/2010 on EC comments on the Import Health Standards proposed for the importation of turkey meat and turkey meat products into New Zealand.
FRI 12/11	DE	Germany LPAI H5N2 confirmed in poultry	Fax 029 to Ms CVO's: information from the German authorities on the confirmation of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N2 subtype in a mixed poultry holding located in the Landkreis Parchim, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The 17.000 poultry (mainly ducks) have been killed and a 1km restricted zone has been established.
THU	IT	Italy	Fax 030 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype confirmed

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25/11		LPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	in a bird dealer holding in the region of Emilia Romagna, Italy
MON 29/11	CA	Canada LPAI H5N2 confirmed in poultry	Fax 031 to Ms CVO's: information from the Canadian authorities on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N2 subtype confirmed in a commercial poultry holding in the province of Manitoba, Canada
WED 01/12		Meeting of the SCoFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany presented information on the situation as regards low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry. • Italy presented information on the situation as regards low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry. • Spain informed about the authorisation of the use of decoy birds for hunting in certain areas of Valencia and Andalusia. • The Commission commented on the draft working document (Doc. SANCO/7126/2010) on animal health conditions for birds participating in EU bird exhibitions and the comments received from Member States. • Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7115/2010-Rev.4) amending Annexes II and IV to Council Directive 2009/158/EC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs was discussed.
THU 02/12		CD 2010/734/EU published in the OJ	Fax 032 to Ms CVO's: information about publication of Decision 2010/734/EU amending several Commission Decisions in relation to avian influenza in the Official Journal of the European Union
THU 16/12	IT	Italy LPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Fax 033 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype confirmed in a small rural poultry holding in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia , Italy
TUE 21/12		SCoFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Commission Decision (Doc. SANCO/7115/2010-Rev.5) amending Annexes II and IV to Council Directive 2009/158/EC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs was put for a vote and endorsed by SCoFAH • Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/12467/2010) amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 and amending Regulation (EC) No 1291/2008 as regards a control programme for Salmonella in certain poultry and eggs in Croatia in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 and correcting Regulations (EU) No 925/2010 and (EU) No 955/2010 obtained technical agreement by SCoFAH (Section Biological Safety of the Food Chain).