

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 2017

Situation as of 22 December 2017

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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).

Virtual faxes 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 Fax 001. 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
THU 21/12		Publication of CID (EU) 2017/2410	Info-note 53 to CVOs informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2410 of 20 December 2017 amending Decisions 2006/415/EC and 2007/25/EC and Implementing Decision 2013/657/EU concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza
THU 21/12	IT NL	Publication of CID (EU) 2017/2412	Info-note 52 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2412 of 20 December 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
WED 13/12	NL	Publication of CID (EU) 2017/2304	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2304 of 12 December 2017 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in the Netherlands
TUE 12/12	NL	Update HPAI H5N6 outbreak in poultry	Info-note 51 to CVOs on updated information received from the Netherlands on an outbreak of avian influenza in a duck farm. The isolate of the detected virus has been determined as highly pathogenic subtype H5N6. A first genetic analysis shows that the H5 is related to the HPAI H5N8 virus that was found in the Netherlands in 2016, the N6 is related to low pathogenic viruses previously found in wild birds in Europe. The screening of the other farms in the protection zone has turned out negative. Confinement of all commercial poultry and additional measures were ordered at national level. The Commission also informed about the <u>adoption of interim protection measures</u> in relation to this outbreak to be on 13/12.
TUE 12/12		Publication of CID (EU) 2017/2289	Publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2289 of 11 December 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
FRI 8/12	NL	Confirmation of Influenza H5 in poultry	Info-note 50 to CVOs on information received from the Dutch authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of avian influenza of the subtype H5 on a duck farm in Biddinghuizen, in the municipality Dronten in the province of Flevoland. The N subtype and the pathogenicity are pending. Due to the H5 subtype and the high mortality seen in the ducks, this outbreak is treated as being HPAI.

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THU 07/12	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info-note 49 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on the confirmation of a further outbreak (82nd) of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 in a holding located in Treviso province, Veneto, with mixed poultry species (broilers, ducks, mallards), partially kept in free range. Culling procedures were concluded on 04/12/2017.
FRI 01/12		Implementing Decision Vote	Info Note 048 to CVOs informing about the draft legal text for a Commission Implementing Decision 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 (document SANTE/7128/2017 and its Annex) which obtained a favourable opinion of the Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 30/11/2017.
THU/FRI 30/11-1/12		Meeting PAFF Committee ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on a draft Commission Implementing Decision 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. (document SANTE/7128/2017). • Vote on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decisions 2006/415/EC, 2007/25/EC and Implementing Decision 2013/657/EU concerning protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza (Document 7120/2017). • Update by the Commission on HPAI in the EU, on CVET EU Veterinary Emergency Team missions to Italy and Bulgaria and a conference of Chief Veterinary Officers and Chief Medical Officers. • Update from Bulgaria and Italy on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza. • Report on the EU Emergency Team (CVET) to Italy on highly pathogenic avian influenza • Information from the Commission on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza and the provisions for the establishment of further restricted zones. The Commission explained again the general nature of CID (EU) 2017/1841 for the establishment of further restricted zones in Member States affected by HPAI outbreaks in case the specific disease situation requires additional zoning. • Information from the Commission on an updated guidance document on the reporting of results for avian influenza surveillance carried out during 2017 and a second document with a preliminary list of target species of wild birds for passive surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds.

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

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WED 29/11	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 047 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on the confirmation of a further outbreak (81 st) of HPAI H5N8 in a backyard holding in Treviso province, Veneto region. Culling procedures were concluded. A derogation from the establishment of protection and surveillance zones around that holding has been granted by the Italian authorities.
HU 23/11	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 046 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on one further outbreak (80 th) of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 in a broiler farm located in Brescia province, Lombardy.
WED 22/11		Publication of CID (EU) 2017/2145	Info Note 045 to CVOs informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2175 of 21 November 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.
THU 16/11	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 044 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on three further outbreaks (77 th to 79 th) of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 in two laying hen farms and one broiler farm that are all located in Brescia province in Lombardy Region. They are located within protection zones already established around previous outbreaks.
MON 13/11	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 043 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on further outbreaks (72 nd to 76 th) of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N8 in two laying hen farms and a chicken breeder holding in Brescia province, Lombardy Region, as well as an outbreak in Cremona province in fattening turkeys. A rural farm keeping 100 laying hens in the province of Rome, Lazio Region, also tested positive for the H5N8 virus. Previous outbreaks (70 th and 71 st) reported by ADNS were confirmed on 6/11 in two laying hen farms in the province of Asti. Control measures provided for in Directive 2005/94/EC are being implemented including killing of poultry on infected farms and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.
WED 8/11	BG	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 042 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian veterinary authorities on the last four outbreaks (ADNS 64 th – 67 th) of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 detected in two duck farms and two backyard farms in four different regions. Additional restrictive measures are put in place in the whole Bulgarian territory. A preventive eradication programme was carried out in the poultry holdings located in the 3km protection zone established around the last outbreak confirmed on 02/11/2017 in a large duck farm in Yambol region.

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WED 8/11		Publication of CID (EU) 2017/2000	Info Note 041 to CVOs informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/2000 of 6 November 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.
MON 6/11	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 040 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on further outbreaks (62 nd to 69 st) of HPAI subtype H5N8 in poultry. In Lombardy Region five fattening turkey holdings and two fattening ducks holdings in the provinces of Brescia and Bergamo are affected. These outbreaks are located within the established further restricted zone. In addition, one outbreak was confirmed in a laying hen farm in Asti province in the Region of Piedmont. Control measures provided for in Directive 2005/94/EC are implemented including killing of poultry on infected farms and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.
MON 6/11	BG	Implementing Decision Adoption	Info Note 039 to CVOs informing about the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (document SANTE/7121/2017 and its Annex), on which the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed was consulted by written procedure on 31/10/2017.
MON 6/11	BG	Update HPAI H5 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 038 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian veterinary authorities on two further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 detected in a mixed species backyard poultry holding located in Glushnic village, Sliven municipality, Sliven region and in a commercial fattening duck farm Zimnitsa village, Yambol municipality, Yambol region. Control measures according to Council Directive 2005/94/EC have been put in place including the establishment of 3 km radius protection zone and 10 km radius surveillance zones.
TU 31/10	IT	Update HPAI H5N8 outbreak in poultry	Info Note 037 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities on further outbreaks (57 th to 61 st) of HPAI H5N8 in poultry and other captive birds. All infected holdings (rural layers, mixed, commercial ducks and broilers) are located in Lombardy Region in the provinces of Bergamo, Brescia and Milano). Control measures provided for in Directive 2005/94/EC are implemented including killing of poultry on infected farms and on those epidemiologically linked, epidemiological investigations and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.
MO 30/10		Publication of CIS (EU) 2017/1969	Info Note 036 to CVOs informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1969 of 27 October 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States .