

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 2018

Situation as of 31/12/2018

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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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
TUE 25/12	NL	HPAI H5 confirmed in captive birds(swans)	Info-note 69 to CVOs informing received from the Dutch authorities on the detection of avian influenza virus subtype H5 - most likely of low pathogenicity - in swans kept in a pet shop in the village of Veeningen in the province of Drenthe. The swans show no clinical signs and the positive PCR result was obtained during pre-export testing on 24/12/2018.
WE 19/12	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 68 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in a small rural farm, situated in the village of Kosovo, Bregovo municipality, region on Vidin in the North-East of Bulgaria. That region does not border any regions previously affected during 2018. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC have been implemented including killing of the infected flock and the establishment of protection and surveillances zones around the outbreak
FRI 23/11	BG	Publication of CID 2018/1842	Info-note 67 to CVOs informing about Publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1842 of 22 November 2018 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
THU 22/11	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 66 to CVOs informing about the Adoption of 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.
TU 13/11	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 65 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on further three outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed a laying hen farm and a small rural farm in Haskovo region and in a duck farm situated in the region of Stara Zagora. The latter region is for the first time affected in 2018. Disease control and eradication measures are implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of poultry present on the infected holdings.
TU 06/11	BG	Publication of CID 2018/1652	Info-note 64 to CVOs informing about Publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1652 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
MO 05/11	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 63 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 confirmed in a small rural holding, keeping 150 heads of poultry. It is situated in the village of Voyvodovo, municipality of Haskovo, Haskovo region, Bulgaria. Disease control and eradication measures are being implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of poultry present on the holding

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TU 30/10	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 62 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed on xxxxxx in a small rural holding keeping poultry of mixed species. The infected holding is located in the village of Krumovo, municipality of Rodopi in the Plovdiv region. Disease control and eradication measures are being implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of poultry present on the holding and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones
THU 18/10	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 61 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed on 23/10/2018 in a small rural holding keeping poultry of mixed species. The infected holding is located in the village of Krumovo, municipality of Rodopi in the Plovdiv region. Disease control and eradication measures are being implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of poultry present on the holding and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones
WED 24/10	BG	Publication of CID 2018/1597	Info-note 60 to CVOs informing about publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1597 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 of 23 October 2018 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
TU 23/10	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 59 to CVOs informing about the adoption Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
FRI 18/10	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 58 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on two further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed on 17/10/2018 in a large broiler holding and a commercial holding keeping mallards. Both holding are located in the village of Voyvodovo. Disease control and eradication measures are being implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of poultry present on the holdings and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.
FRI 05/10	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 57 to CVOs informing about from the Bulgarian authorities on a second outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 confirmed on 03/10/2018, in a rural holding keeping 400 heads of poultry located in Manolsko Konare village, in the region of Plovdiv. The new outbreak is located in the surveillance zone already established in relation to the previous outbreak confirmed on 19/09/2018 in that same region in Trislitsnik village. Disease control measures are being implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of the poultry present on the holding and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.

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FRI 28/09	BG	Publication of CID 2018/1307	Info-note 56 to CVOs informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1307 of 27 September 2018 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
THU 27/09	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 55 to CVOs informing about the adoption Commission Implementing Decision (EU) of 27 September 2018 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States
WED 19/09	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 54 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on the confirmation of a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in a commercial laying hen holding located in Trilistnik village, in the region of Plovdiv. Disease control measures are being implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of the poultry present on the holding.
		Meeting PAFF Committee ¹ Vote of CID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germany informed about an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5N6 in a captive bird holding in Mecklenburg Pomerania. • The Commission gave an update on the situation of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the Union. • The EU Reference Laboratory for avian influenza reported the results of avian influenza surveillance in Member States carried out in poultry and wild birds during 2017 • Bulgaria informed about a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in Plovdiv region.
TUE 04/09	DE	HPAI H5N6 confirmed in captive birds	Info-note 53 to CVOs on information received from the German authorities on an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 confirmed on 01/09/2018 in a captive bird holding in the commune of Wismar, Kreis Nordwest-Mecklenburg, Land Mecklenburg Pomerania. Following a risk assessment, the competent authority has decided to use the derogation provided for in EU legislation and refrain from establishing protection and surveillance zones around this outbreak. Disease control measures are applied and the birds have been culled and disposed of on 01/09/2018.

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

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MON 20/08		Publication of CID 2018/1136	Info-note 52 to CVOs informing about the publication of Decision (EU) 2018/1136 on risk mitigation and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry thereby recalling that migratory movements of wild birds, in particular from the north eastern direction into the EU may already increase as early as in September and that therefor Member States should review their preventive measures in place according to the published decision, be very vigilant and keep awareness high.
TUE 14/08		Publication of CID 2018/1136	Publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1136 of 10 August 2018 on risk mitigation and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry
FRI 10/08		Adoption of CID	A press release was issued on the adoption of a Commission Implementing Decision on risk mitigation and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry
WED 25/07	BG	Publication of CID 2018/1044	Info-note 51 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1044 of 23 July 2018 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.
THU 12/07	BG	VOTE of CID	Info-note 50 to CVOs informing about the vote with unanimous support of the Committee on a draft legal text for a Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (document SANTE/7069/2018 and its Annex).

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WED-THU 12-13/07		Meeting PAFF Committee ² Vote of CID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulgaria gave an update on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5N8. A new outbreak was confirmed in July in the region of Dobrich outside the existing restriction zones established due to the previous outbreaks. Disease control measures are implemented, including new restriction zones. The Commission presented two texts for a vote which both obtained a favourable opinion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a draft Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (document SANTE/7069/2018 and its Annex) - a draft Commission Implementing Decision on risk mitigation and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry (SANTE/7008/2018 Rev.6)
TUE 10/07	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 49 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed on 06/07/2018 in a backyard poultry holding located in Miladinovtsi village, in the region of Dobrich.
FRI 22/06	BG	Publication of CD 2018/894	Info-note 47 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/894 of 21 June 2018 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.
THU 21/06	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 46 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (Document SANTE/7048/2018 and its Annex)
MON 18/06	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 45 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 confirmed on 13/06/2018 in a laying hen operation including rearing facilities located in Donchevo in the municipality of Dobrich, in the region of Dobrich. The outbreak is located in the surveillance zone established in relation to a previous outbreak that had been confirmed on 25/05.

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WED-THU 13-14/06		Meeting PAFF Committee ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulgaria informed on the situation of highly pathogenic avian of subtype H5N8 in Dobrich region in a housed Pekin duck holding. On the day of the Committee another outbreak of the same highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype was confirmed in a laying hen holding with high biosecurity arrangements. The premises are located in the 10km radius surveillance zone established on account of the previous outbreak in Dobrich. Disease control measures including killing of the birds and cleaning and disinfection have been implemented. The source of infection is so far unclear. The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision on risk mitigating and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry for exchange of views (document SANTE/7008/2018)
MON 04/06	BG	Publication of CD 2018/821	Info-note 44 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/821 of 1 June 2018 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.
FRI 01/06	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 42 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.
TUE 29/05	BG	H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 41 to CVOs on information received from Bulgarian authorities about a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 confirmed on 25/05/2018 in a duck holding located in Stefanovo in the municipality of Dobrich, Dobrich region. Disease control measures are implemented in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC including the culling of the poultry present on the holding, which was finalised on 27/05/2018.
TUE 08/05	BG	Publication of CD 2018/642	Info-note 39 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/642 of 7 May 2018 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.
MO 07/05	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 37 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bulgaria.
FRI 04/05	BG	Info on vote of CID	Info-note 36 CVOs to CVOs on a draft legal text for a Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (document SANTE/7045/2018 and SANTE/7045/2018 Annex Rev. 1) which obtained a favourable opinion at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 03/05/2018.

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THU 03/05		Meeting PAFF Committee ³ Vote of CID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulgaria gave an update on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5N8. During April eight outbreaks of HPAI were confirmed, six of them in duck farms located in the region of Plovdiv which is at a particular risk for virus introduction due to the high density of duck farms. Disease control measures including culling and zoning around infected holdings early detection systems are implemented. Additional intensified active surveillance in duck farms outside the restricted areas is being initiated. The Commission presented a draft document (SANTE/7045/2018 and its Annex Rev. 1) on an amendment of Decision (EU) 2017/247 in order to update the regionalisation with respect to the last four outbreaks of HPAI in Bulgaria.
WED 02/05	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	<p>Info-note 35 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities about four further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed in a duck holding located in the municipalities of Rakovski, Brezovo and Maritsa, in Plovdiv region.</p> <p>A draft Commission Decision on protective measures in relation to these last outbreaks which updates the regionalisation of the Bulgarian territory will be presented for a vote on 03/05 meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed.</p>
THU 26/04	BG	Publication of CD 2018/642	Info-note 34 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/642 of 25 April 2018 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.
WED 25/04	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 33 to CVOs informing about the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States in relation to the outbreak in Bulgaria.
MON 23/04	BG	Publication of CD 2018/623	Info-note 32 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/623 of 20 April 2018 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.

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FRI 20/04	BG	HPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 31 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities about a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed in a commercial duck holding located in the village of Malevo, in Haskovo region.
FRI 20/04	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 30 to CVOs informing about the adoption of 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.
WED/THU 18-19/04		Meeting PAFF Committee ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update by the Commission on the EU animal health situation in relation to avian influenza. • Information from Bulgaria, Italy, the Netherlands and Germany on highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry. Information from Sweden on highly pathogenic avian influenza in captive and wild birds and information from Denmark on highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds. • Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision designating the European Union reference laboratory for avian influenza and Newcastle disease and amending Annex VII to Council Directive 2005/94/EC (document SANTE/7083/2017). • Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Implementing Commission Decision (EU) on risk mitigating and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry (document SANTE/7008/2018)
	BG	Vote of CID	Info-note 29 to CVOs on a draft legal text for a Commission Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (document SANTE/7026/2018 Rev. 1 and its Annex Rev. 2) which obtained a favourable opinion at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 18/04/2018.
	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 28 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities about a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed in an aviary keeping partridges located in the village of Stryama, in Plovdiv region. Disease control measures have been implemented in accordance to Council Directive 2005/94/EC. The draft Implementing Decision on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (document SANTE/7026/ Rev. 1 and its Annex Rev. 2) was presented for opinion at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 18/04/2018 taking account of this outbreak.

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FRI 13/04	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 27 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities about a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 confirmed in a commercial mallard duck farm located in the village of Krumovo, in the municipality of Rodopi, in Plovdiv region. Disease control measures have been implemented including the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone. It is the intention to present to Member States for vote a draft Implementing Decision concerning protection measures in relation to that outbreak at the upcoming meeting of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on 18-19/04/2018.
WED 11/04	BG	Publication of CD 2018/560	Info-note 26 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/560 of 10 April 2018 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.
TUE 10/04	BG	Adoption of CID	Info-note 25 to CVOs informing about the adoption of 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
FRI 06/04	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 24 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities about the confirmation of a further outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a commercial duck farm in Zimnitsa village, region of Yambol. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC are being applied including the culling of the birds and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones. Member States will be consulted on protective measures.
THU 29/03	SK	HPAI H5N6 first detection in wild birds	Info-note 23 to CVOs on information received from the Slovak authorities about the first detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza of H5N6 subtype in a wild bird (black headed gull) in the district of Galanta, in the south-western part of Slovakia.
TUE 27/03	DE	Publication of CD 2018/510	Info-note 22 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/510 of 26 March 2018 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.
TUE 27/03	DK	HPAI H5N6 confirmed in wild birds	Info-note 21 to CVOs on information received from the Danish authorities about the further detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in four wild birds of prey (white-tailed sea eagles/Haliaeetus albicilla) in different Danish municipalities.

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MO 26/03	DE	Adoption of CID	Info-note 20 to CVOs informing about the adoption of 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.
WE 21/03	DE	HPAI H5N6 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 19 to CVOs on information received from the German authorities about the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in a small mixed species poultry holding located in the district of Nordfriesland in Schleswig Holstein. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC are being applied including the culling of the birds and the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.
TUE 20/03	SE	HPAI H5N6 confirmed in captive birds	Info-note 18 to CVOs on information received from the Swedish authorities about the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in a non-commercial farm located in the municipality Österhammar in the county of Uppland. Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC including the killing of the birds and cleaning and disinfection were implemented. A derogation from zoning around the infected holding was granted due to the nature of the affected holding. Previous findings of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in wild birds are also reported.
MON 19/03	IT NL	Publication of CD 2018/418	Info-note 17 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/418 of 16 March 2018 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.
FRI 16/03	IT NL	Adoption of CID	Info-note 16 to CVOs informing about the adoption of 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.
WED 14/03	NL	HPAI H5N6 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 15 to CVOs on information received from the Dutch authorities about the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in a fattening duck holding located in the province Overijssel. Disease control measures are being implemented including the culling of poultry on the infected holding, cleaning and disinfection and the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone.
WED 14/03	IT	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 14 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities about the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a fattening turkey holding located in Bergamo province (Lombardy region). The farm is already situated in a protection zone established in relation to the previous outbreak in a laying hen farm in this province. Disease control measures are being implemented including the culling of poultry on the infected holding, cleaning and disinfection and the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone.

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SAT 10/03	IT	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 13 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities about the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a second laying hen holding located in Brescia province (Lombardy region) which is epidemiologically linked to the previous outbreak. Disease control measures are being implemented including the culling of poultry on the infected holding, cleaning and disinfection and the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone.
THU 08/03	BG IT	Publication of CD 2018/342	Info-note 12 to CVOs informing on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/342 of 7 March 2018 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.
WED 07/03	IT	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 11 to CVOs on information received from the Italian authorities about the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a laying hen holding in Bergamo province (Lombardy region). Disease control measures are implemented including the culling of poultry on the infected holding, the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone and preventive culling on two turkey fattening farms in close proximity. The areas under restrictions in relation to this new outbreak in Italy are already included in the Annex to the Decision referred to in info-note 10 adopted for Bulgaria and Italy.
	BG IT	Adoption of CID	Info-note 10 to CVOs informing about the adoption of 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.
MON 05/03	BG	HPAI H5N8 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 9 to CVOs on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a laying hen holding in General Toshevo city in the region of Dobrich. Disease control measures have been implemented including the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone. It is the intention to consult Member States by written procedure on a draft Implementing Decision concerning protection measures in relation to that outbreak (SANTE/7022/2018 and its Annex).
FRI 02/03	NL	Publication of CD 2018/314	Info-note 8 to CVOs on the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/314 of 1 March 2018 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.
THU 01/03	DK	1 st detection of HPAI H5N6 in a wild bird	Info-note 7 to CVOs on information received from the Danish authorities about the first detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in a wild bird (white-tailed sea eagle/ <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>) in the municipality of Slagelse on Zealand.

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	NL	Adoption of CID	Info-note 6 to CVOs informing about the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States in relation to the outbreak in the Netherlands.
WED-THU 28/02- 01/03		Meeting PAFF Committee ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from the Commission on the avian influenza situation in the EU and significant developments in third countries and the outcome of the working group meeting held on 15/02/2018. • Update from the Netherlands on the highly pathogenic avian influenza situation • The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in the Netherlands (document SANTE/7009/2018 and its Annex) for a vote and obtained a favourable opinion of the Committee. • Update from the United Kingdom, Sweden and Ireland on highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds
MON 26/02	NL	H5N6 confirmed in poultry	Info-note 5 to CVOs on information received from the Dutch authorities about the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N6 in a poultry holding in the province of Groningen. Control measures were already taken based on suspicion of disease including the establishment of a 3km protection and a 10 km surveillance zone. It is the intention to present a draft on protective measures for vote at the PAFF meeting taking place on 28/02 and 01/03.
THU 22/02	SE	1 st detection H5N6 in wild birds	Info-note 4 to CVOs on information received from the Swedish authorities about the first detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in a wild bird (a white-tailed sea eagle/ <i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>) in the county Blekinge län in the South east of Sweden.
THU 15/02		Working group meeting	Meeting with Member States, EFSA and EURL on avian influenza preventive and control measures including biosecurity, surveillance, vaccination and recent developments on avian influenza in the EU and worldwide.
FRI 09/02	IE	1 st detection H5N6 in a wild bird	Info-note 3 to CVOs on information received from the Irish authorities on the first detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in a white tailed sea eagle (<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>) confirmed on 08/02/2018.

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Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission, Member States' authorities and stakeholders
FRI 09/02	UK	Update HPAI H5N6 in wild birds	Info-note 2 to CVOs on summary information on the detections of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 in wild birds in the United Kingdom during 2018 which have also been notified via the Animal Disease Notification System (ADNS) to the Commission and Member States. (85 wild birds in total).
FRI 26/01	NL	Update HPAI H5N6	Info-note 1 to CVOs on updated information received from the Dutch authorities on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N6 detected in one poultry holding, captive birds and in wild birds in the Netherlands and testing results for virus characterisation.
WED/THU 17-18/01		Meeting PAFF Committee ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from the Commission on the avian influenza situation in the EU and significant developments in third countries. The Commission also informed about scientific advice provided by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Center for disease prevention and control (ECDC) and the meetings of the CVO/CMOs on Flu preparedness and of the Second G7 CVOs Forum in Rome and its strategy paper. • Update from Italy and the Netherlands on the highly pathogenic avian influenza situation • Report on the mission of the EU Emergency Team (CVET) to Bulgaria on highly pathogenic avian influenza
MON/TUE 15-16/01		Council CVO Meeting	Discussion on recommendations made by EFSA in its scientific report on avian influenza relating to biosecurity on poultry farms, surveillance in poultry and wild birds and future perspectives for avian influenza control.

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