

AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI)

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

Situation as of 18 April 2011 (17:00 hrs)

Response to outbreaks in Member States and third countries

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DG Health and Consumers
Unit D1: Animal Health

Date	Member State/third country	Main event	Action by the European Commission
TUE 22/02	IT	Italy LPAI H5 confirmed in poultry	Fax 001 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype detected during surveillance activities in a rural poultry holding located in the commune of Bovolone, Veneto region, Italy. Birds kept on the holding were culled and cleaning and disinfection was carried out.
WED 09/03	Israel	Israel HPAI H5N1 confirmed in poultry	Fax 002 to Ms CVO's: Israel reported an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in a poultry holding located in the village of Rosh Zurim, district of Beit-Lehem, province Jehuda and Samaria. The turkeys present on the infected holding were culled and two more turkey flocks in the same settlement will also be killed. Protection and surveillance zones were established and disease surveillance has been increased throughout the country. The Israeli veterinary authorities informed the Commission that certification for exports of live poultry and ratites, their day-old chicks and hatching eggs and of meat of poultry, farmed and wild game birds was immediately suspended.
TUE-/WED		Meeting of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Italy gave an update on the low pathogenic avian influenza situation.

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 web pages](#).

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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01-02/03		SCoFCAH ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission presented Information on surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds (Doc. SANCO/7039/2011) concerning time table and modalities for online submission of results Draft working document (Doc. SANCO/7126/2010-Rev.2) on animal health conditions for birds participating in EU bird exhibitions was discussed. The Commission presented draft comments on the USA interim Rule on highly pathogenic avian influenza (Doc.SANCO/7041/2011).
FRI 25/03	NL	Netherlands AI H7 confirmed in poultry	Fax 003 to Ms CVO's: information from the Dutch veterinary authorities on the detection of avian influenza of the H7 subtype in a free range laying hen holding located in the village of Kapelle, province of Zeeland. It is not yet established, if it is low pathogenic or high pathogenic avian influenza.
		Netherlands LPAI H7 confirmed in poultry	Fax 004 to Ms CVO's: information from the Dutch veterinary authorities on the confirmation that the detected avian influenza virus in a poultry holding in Kapelle is a low pathogenic virus. All poultry present on the holding are being culled.
MON 04/04		Meeting of the SCoFCAH ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft working document (Doc. SANCO/7126/2010-Rev.3) on animal health conditions for birds participating in EU bird exhibitions was discussed. EFSA (Panel on Animal Health and Welfare) gave a presentation on the potential implications for animal health of the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza and on monitoring for the emergence of possible new pandemic strains of influenza in animals. The Netherlands gave a presentation on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza The Commission informed about highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N1 subtype in Israel (Doc. SANCO/7042/2011). Draft Commission Implementing Regulation 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 (Doc. SANCO/7043/2011- Rev1) was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.
	Israel		Fax 006 to Ms CVO's: information on Draft Commission Regulation (Doc. SANCO/7043/2011-Rev.1) 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 (Regionalisation) that was endorsed by MS at SCoFCAH. MS may authorise imports of poultry commodities covered by the Regulation including live poultry, day-old chicks, hatching eggs and poultry meat from the areas not placed under restriction due to the HPAI outbreak confirmed on 8 March 2011.
TUE 12/04	South Africa	South Africa HPAI H5N2	Fax 008 to Ms CVO's: information on the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of the H5N2 subtype in an ostrich holding in South Africa. HPAI was confirmed on 9 April 2011 by PCR in one out of five commercial ostrich farms

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		confirmed in poultry (ratites)	located in the districts Oudtshoorn and Uniondale in the Western Cape Province that had previously tested sero-positive in the framework of routine surveillance for avian influenza. South Africa is authorised for imports into the EU of live ratites and of day-old chicks, hatching eggs and meat of ratites. Because of the outbreak, South Africa can no longer certify for these commodities for imports into the EU.
THU 14/04	IT	Italy LPAI H7 detected in poultry	Fax 009 to Ms CVO's: information from the Italian authorities on the finding of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H7 subtype on 8 April 2011 during serological surveillance activities in a rural poultry holding located in the commune of Cherasco, province of Cuneo, Piemonte region, Italy. Birds present on the holding are culled and cleaning and disinfection will be carried out shortly. A 1-km restricted zone was established around the affected holding in which no other poultry holdings are located.
MON 02/05		Meeting of the SCoFAH⁴	

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