

A case of HPAI H5N8 in captive birds in Belgium

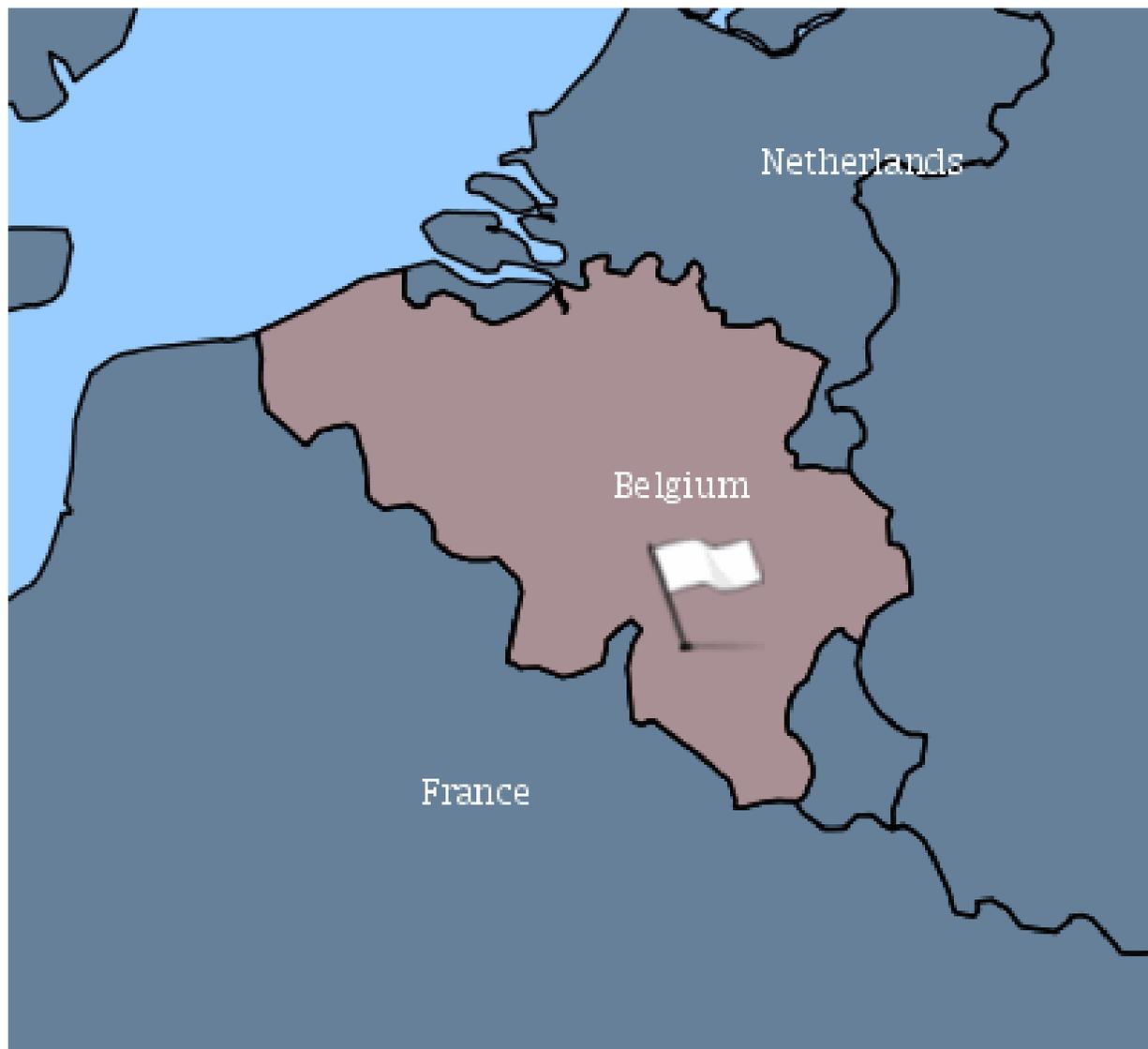
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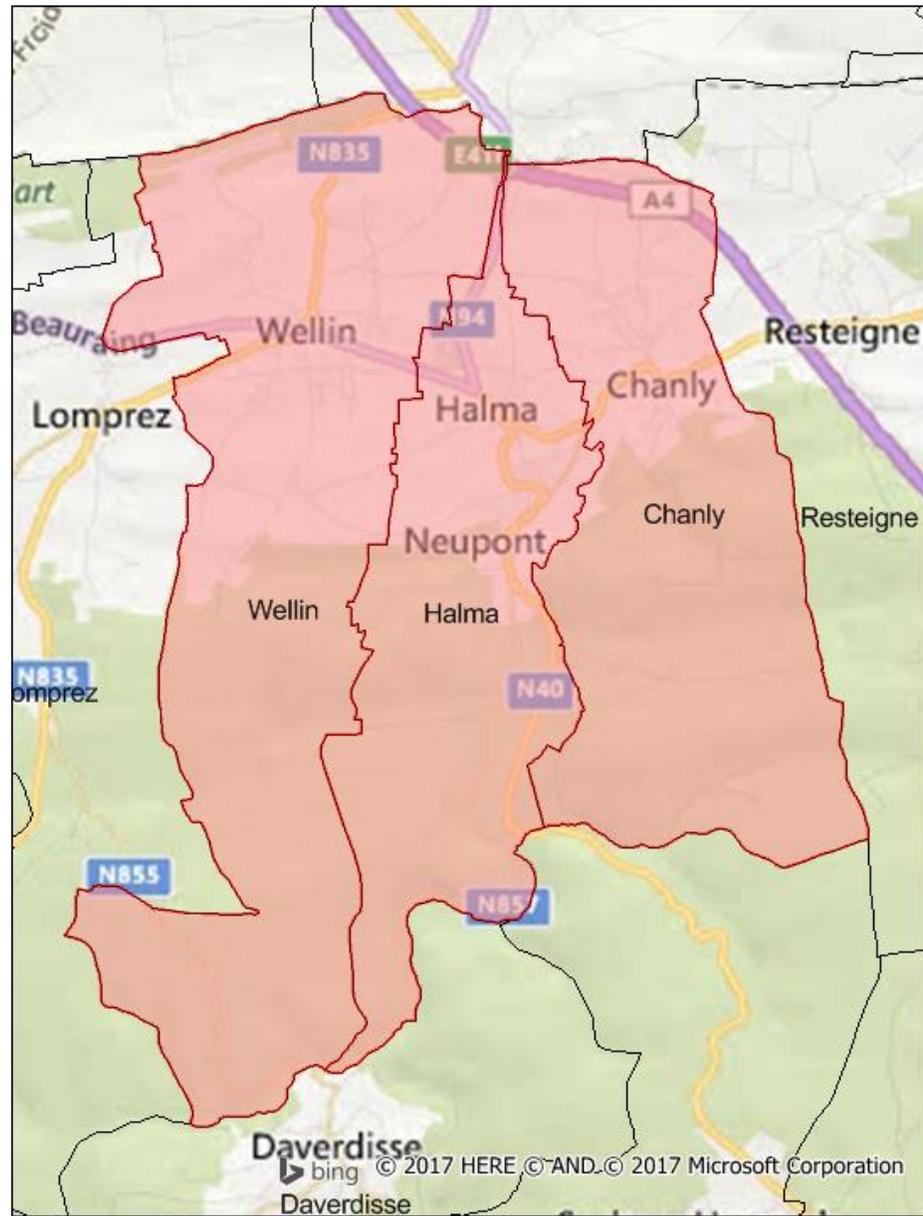


Outbreak in captive birds

- Hobby holding in Wellin, province of Luxemburg
- 14 ornamental birds (10 chickens, 1 pigeon and 3 zebra finches)
- Kept in 2 aviaries
- Clinical suspicion 24 May
- Confirmation of HPAI H5N8 1st June
- 4 chickens died
- 6 chickens and 1 pigeon were euthanized, 1 chicken tested positive
- 3 finches tested negative
- No contacts with other holdings







Restriction zone (3 km)

- Inventory of poultry and other birds
- Movement ban of poultry, birds and hatching eggs
- Feeding and drinking only inside
- No commercial poultry in the zone
- If no other cases the zone will be lifted after 3 weeks



National measures

- Preventive measures already in place
 - Feeding and drinking inside for commercial poultry farms and also for non commercial holdings in higher risk zones
 - No outdoor access or at least protection by nets for commercial poultry in higher risk zones
 - Additional conditions for markets etc.
- Raising awareness of farmers and vets

