

# AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI)

1 January – 31 December 2008

## CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS AND LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION<sup>1</sup>

Response to outbreaks in Member States and third countries

EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DG Health and Consumer Protection  
Unit D1: Animal Health and Standing Committees

Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission
MON 07/01			Fax 853 to MS CVOs <sup>2</sup> : information on the lifting of all restrictions in relation to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of H5N1 subtype in a backyard poultry flock in Murighiol, Tulcea County in Romania (confirmed on 28.11.2007)
TUE 08/01			Fax 854 to MS CVOs: no further suspicions of avian influenza have been detected in Poland between 31 December 2007 and 7 January 2008.
WED/THU 09-10/01		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFAH</a> <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <a href="#">Polish</a>, <a href="#">German</a> and Romanian delegations presented information on the HPAI H5N1 situation;</li><li>• The <a href="#">Portuguese</a> delegation presented information on the LPAI situation;</li><li>• The Italian delegation presented information on the <a href="#">LPAI situation</a> and the report on the implementation of the <a href="#">vaccination against LPAI</a> in Italy;</li><li>• The draft Decision amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Germany, Poland and Romania (SANCO/10000/2008) was put for a vote and was unanimously endorsed by the SCoFAH.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> Chief Veterinary Officers

<sup>3</sup> Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health - a Regulatory Committee, chaired by the Commission, including veterinary experts from all MS's governments ([http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/index_en.htm))

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<b>WED 09/01</b>			<b>Fax 855</b> to MS CVOs: draft Decision (SANCO/10000/2008) amending Decision 2006/415/E concerning certain protection measures in relation to HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Germany, Poland and Romania.
			<b>Fax 856</b> to MS CVOs: updated information on the low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) situation in Portugal. A further outbreak occurred on 31 December 2007 (holding with 16.800 broilers) within the restricted zone established due to the previous outbreak in Mafra.
<b>THU 10/01</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in wild birds</b>	<b>Fax 857</b> to MS CVOs: information on the detection of HPAI H5N1 in 3 dead mute swans in the Chesil Beach area in Dorset, the UK.
			<b>Fax 858</b> to MS CVOs: publication of the Commission <a href="#">press release</a> on the detection of HPAI H5N1 in 3 dead mute swans in the Chesil Beach area in Dorset in the UK.
<b>FRI 11/01</b>			<b>Fax 859</b> to MS CVOs: information received from the Chinese authorities on an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in broilers in Xinjiang Uigur, China.
<b>THU 17/01</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in wild birds</b>	<b>Fax 860</b> to MS CVOs: information on the detection of HPAI H5N1 in a 4th mute swan in Dorset.
<b>MON 21/01</b>			<b>Fax 861</b> to MS CVOs: information on the lifting of the protection measures in relation to AI outbreak in Grosswoltersdorf in the Landkreis Oberhavel, Germany.
<b>TUE 22/01</b>			<b>Fax 862</b> to MS CVOs: information on the adoption of the draft Decision (Document SANCO/10000/2008) amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning that confirmed the measures taken for Germany and Poland.
	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED backyard poultry</b>	<b>Fax 863</b> to MS CVOs: information on an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard poultry in Sazkoy village, Zonguldak province in the north of Turkey, about 250-300 km north of Ankara close to the black sea.
		<a href="#">CD 2008/70/EC</a> published in the OJ	
<b>WED 23/01</b>			<b>Fax 864</b> to MS CVOs: information on the publication of CD 2008/70/EC amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Germany, Poland and Romania.
<b>FRI 25/01</b>			<b>Fax 865</b> to MS CVOs: updated information on the outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard poultry holding in Zonguldak province, Turkey.
<b>MON 28/01</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in wild birds</b>	<b>Fax 866</b> to MS CVOs: information on the detection of HPAI H5N1 in a 6th mute swan in Dorset.
<b>TUE 29/01</b>	<b>IT</b>	<b>LPAI of subtype H7N1 CONFIRMED in poultry in Italy</b>	<b>Fax 867</b> to MS CVOs: information on the detection of LPAI virus of subtype H7N1 in a holding located in Conselice, province of Ravenna, region of Emilia Romagna, Italy.
<b>WED 30/01</b>			<b>Fax 868</b> to MS CVOs: further report on the AI outbreak in Zonguldak province in Turkey.
<b>THU 31/01</b>			<b>Fax 869</b> to MS CVOs: information on the publication by DEFRA of the epidemiology report on the recent HPAI H5N1 avian influenza cases in wild swans in Dorset.

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			<b>Fax 870</b> to MS CVOs: information that no further suspicions have been detected since the last outbreak on 22 December 2007 and the lifting of measures in the remaining restriction zones in Poland.
<b>FRI 01/02</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in wild birds</b>	<b>Fax 871</b> to MS CVOs: information on the presence of HPAI of H5N1 subtype in two further wild mute swans in the UK (a total of nine).
<b>MON 04/02</b>			<b>Fax 872</b> to MS CVOs: information on a second outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard flock in Yörükler village, Ondokuzmayıs district, Samsun province on the Black Sea, Turkey.
			<b>Fax 873</b> to MS CVOs: information on the detection of avian influenza of H7 subtype in a shot wild mallard in the region of Shoumen, Bulgaria, erroneous notification to OIE as HPAI, pending determination of pathotype.
<b>TUE/WED 05-06/02</b>		<b>Meeting of the SCoFCAH<sup>4</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">German</a> and the <a href="#">UK</a> delegations presented information on the HPAI H5N1 situation;</li> <li>The <a href="#">Italian</a> and <a href="#">Portuguese</a> delegation presented information on the LPAI situation in poultry;</li> <li>The <a href="#">Bulgarian</a> delegation presented information on a finding of H7 AI virus in a shot mallard;</li> <li>The <a href="#">Portuguese</a> delegation presented the emergency vaccination plan for approval and the draft Decision (SANCO/10226/2008-Rev.2) introducing emergency vaccination against low pathogenic avian influenza in Portugal was put for a vote and was unanimously endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> <li>A draft Decision (SANCO/10001/2008-Rev.4) concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel and derogating from Decision 2006/696/EC was put for a vote and was unanimously endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> </ul>
			<b>Fax 874</b> to MS CVOs: the final report provided by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency on the outbreak of HPAI of subtype H7N3 that occurred in March 2007.
<b>WED 06/02</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in backyard poultry</b>	<b>Fax 875</b> to MS CVOs: information on a new outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard flock in Yeniçam village, Kaynarca district, Sakarya province in the Marmara Region, Turkey.
			<b>Fax 876</b> to MS CVOs: information on AI monitoring and surveillance in Israel.
<b>THU 07/02</b>			<b>Fax 877</b> to MS CVOs: the Community Reference Laboratory for AI in Weybridge has confirmed that the avian influenza virus of subtype H7 detected in a mallard duck shot in the wild (see fax 873 of 4/2/2008) is a low pathogenic strain of avian influenza.
<b>FRI 08/02</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in backyard poultry</b>	<b>Fax 878</b> to MS CVOs: information on a second outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard flock in Konacik village, Karasu district, Sakarya province in the Marmara Region in Turkey.
<b>MON 11/02</b>	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in backyard poultry</b>	<b>Fax 879</b> to MS CVOs: information on a further outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard flock in Aybeder village, Terme district, Samsun province, Blacksea Region.
<b>TUE 12/02</b>			<b>Fax 880</b> to MS CVOs: the document SANCO/10226/2008-Rev.3 unanimously endorsed by the SCoFCAH on 5/6 February after linguistic revision by the legal service.
<b>MON 18/02</b>			<b>Fax 881</b> to MS CVOs: information received from the EC Delegation in Bangkok, Thailand, on the recent outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 in Thailand.

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WED 20/02			Fax 882 to MS CVOs: information on the previous outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 in wild swans in the UK. More information is available on the DEFRA website.
TUE 26/02	Turkey	HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in backyard poultry	Fax 883 to MS CVOs: information on a further outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard flock in the province of Sinop, Merkez district, Taşmanlı village in Turkey.
WED 27/02		<a href="#">CD 2008/161/EC</a> published in the OJ	
			Fax 884 to MS CVOs: information on the publication of <a href="#">CD 2008/161/EC</a> concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel and derogating Decision 2006/696/EC.
TUE/WED 04-05/03		Meeting of the SCoFCAH <sup>5</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">Polish</a> gave a final presentation on the HPAI H5N1 outbreak in December 2007 and the <a href="#">UK</a> delegation presented information on the HPAI H5N1 situation in wild birds;</li> <li>The <a href="#">German</a> and <a href="#">Portuguese</a> delegations presented information on vaccination against avian influenza;</li> <li>The <a href="#">Bulgarian</a> delegation presented information on a finding of a low pathogenic H7N7 avian influenza virus in a shot mallard;</li> <li>Draft regulation SANCO/10224/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 318/2007 concerning the list of approved quarantine facilities and centres for imports of certain birds was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> <li>The Commission updated the Committee on the situation as regards HPAI H5N1 in third countries.</li> </ul>
FRI 29/02			Fax 885 to MS CVOs: information on the lifting of restriction measures in relation to the LPAI outbreak in Portugal.
TUE 18/03	Turkey	HPAI of subtype H5N1 CONFIRMED in backyard poultry	Fax 886 to MS CVOs: information on a further outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard flock in the western part of Turkey close to the border with Greece.
THU 27/03			Fax 887 to MS CVOs: information that the UK intends to lift the wild bird monitoring area in Dorset and the associated disease control restrictions today at 15.00 CET. These restrictions have been put in place following cases of H5N1 avian influenza detected in wild birds.
			Fax 888 to MS CVOs: information about the detection of HPAI H5N1 in a wild duck (common pochard, <i>Aythya ferina</i> ) in Switzerland.
WED 03/04		<a href="#">CD 2008/285/EC</a> published in the OJ	
THU 04/04			Fax 889 to MS CVOs: information on the publication of <a href="#">CD 2008/285/EC</a> concerning emergency vaccination against LPAI in mallard ducks in Portugal and certain measures restricting the movements of such poultry and their products
TUE/WED		Meeting of the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">Swiss</a> delegation presented information on the HPAI H5N1 case in a live caught Common Pochard;</li> </ul>

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08-09/04		<a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>6</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Reference Laboratory for AI, Weybridge UK presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">information</a> on "Implication for AI surveillance in 2006-2007"</li> <li>- <a href="#">information</a> on HPAI H5N1 cases in wild birds in 2008 in UK</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam presented an update on the Research project <a href="#">NEWFLUBIRD</a></li> <li>Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 318/2007 laying down animal health conditions for imports of certain birds into the Community and the quarantine conditions was put for discussion (Doc. SANCO/10283/2008)</li> <li>Draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in the Community was put for discussion (Doc. SANCO/1038/2008).</li> <li>Draft Commission Regulation 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 was put for discussion (Doc. SANCO/10011/2007 – Rev.9)</li> </ul>
WED 09/04			<b>Fax 890</b> to MS CVOs: information about the surveillance undertaken for avian influenza from January to March 2008 in the whole of Israel.
WED/FRI 09-11/04			14th Joint <a href="#">Annual Meeting of National Reference Laboratories</a> for Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease
TUE 15/04			<b>Fax 891 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on a simulation exercise for avian influenza carried out in the Czech Republic
THU 17/04			<b>Fax 892 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on a simulation exercise for avian influenza carried out in Lithuania
MON 21/04			<b>Fax 893 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on a simulation exercise for avian influenza carried out in Bulgaria
TUE 29/04	DK	LPAI of subtype H7N1 CONFIRMED in poultry	<b>Fax 894 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the detection of a low pathogenic avian influenza virus of the H7N1 subtype in a poultry holding near Stenstrup in Svendborg municipality in the southern part of the island of Funen, Denmark.
WED/THU 07-08/05		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Denmark</a> presented information on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza;</li> <li><a href="#">Italy</a> presented information on the emergency vaccination against LPAI;</li> <li>The Netherlands presented information on the preventive vaccination against AI;</li> <li>Draft Decision SANCO/1038/2008 - Rev.1 amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in the Community was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH;</li> <li>Draft Decision SANCO/1163/2008 concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in Croatia and Switzerland was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH;</li> <li>Draft Regulation SANCO/10011/2007 – Rev.10 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 was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> <li>Draft Regulation SANCO/10283/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 318/2007 laying down animal health conditions for</li> </ul>

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			imports of certain birds into the Community and the quarantine conditions thereof was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.
<b>MON/TUE 02-03/06</b>		<b>Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a><sup>7</sup></b>	The UK representative informs about the detection of avian influenza of H7 subtype in the county of Oxfordshire pending determination of high or low pathogenicity.
<b>TUE 03/06</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>AI of subtype H7 CONFIRMED in poultry</b>	<b>Fax UK 001 to Ms CVO's:</b> information provided by the UK authorities <a href="#">DEFRA</a> about the detection of avian influenza of subtype H7 in a poultry farm near Banbury, in the county of Oxfordshire.
<b>WED 04/06</b>		<b>HPAI of subtype H7 CONFIRMED in poultry</b>	<b>Fax UK 002 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza of H7 subtype on the farm next Banbury.
			<b>Fax UK 003 to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the Commission on the TRACES overview identifying no movements of live poultry and poultry commodities concerned from the city of Banbury in the UK to other Member States as of 1 May 2008.
<b>THU 05/06</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>HPAI of subtype H7N7 CONFIRMED in poultry</b>	<b>Fax UK 004 to Ms CVO's:</b> information from UK authorities <a href="#">DEFRA</a> on the confirmation of the highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H7N7 on the infected holding next to Banbury.
			Consultation of SCoFCAH by written procedure on a draft Commission Decision on protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of H7 subtype in the United Kingdom
			<b>Fax UK 005 to Ms CVO's:</b> information provided by the UK authorities <a href="#">DEFRA</a> on the control measures taken and implementation of protection and surveillance zones.
			The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) publishes its <a href="#">scientific opinion</a> on animal health and welfare aspects of avian influenza and the risks of introduction into EU poultry holdings.
<b>FRI 06/06</b>	<b>UK</b>		<b>Fax UK 006 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the press release issued by the UK authorities <a href="#">DEFRA</a> .
			<b>Fax UK 007 to Ms CVO's:</b> Adoption by the Commission of a decision concerning protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7 in the United Kingdom.
<b>SAT 07/06</b>	<b>UK</b>	<a href="#">CD 2008/424/EC</a> published in the OJ	
<b>MON 09/06</b>	<b>UK</b>		<b>Fax UK 008 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the publication of Commission Decision <a href="#">CD 2008/424/EC</a> concerning protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7 in the United Kingdom.
<b>WED 11/06</b>	<b>UK</b>		<b>Fax UK 009 to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the UK authorities on the disease situation with no further detection of HPAI H7N7.
<b>THU 12/06</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>LP AI of subtype H7N3 confirmed in poultry</b>	<b>Fax USA 001 to Ms CVO's:</b> information received from the US authorities on the detection of low pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N3 in a boiler breeder farm in Washington County, Arkansas.
<b>FRI 13/06</b>	<b>DK</b>		<b>Fax 895 to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the <a href="#">DK authorities</a> on lifting the measures by 14 June 2008 for the restricted zone established around the outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of H7N1 subtype in Svendborg municipality, Funen confirmed on 28 April.
<b>TUE 17/06</b>	<b>UK</b>		<b>Fax UK 010 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the epidemiology report on the highly pathogenic avian influenza of H7N7 subtype in Oxfordshire published by the UK <a href="#">DEFRA</a> .



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WED 18/06		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	The <a href="#">UK</a> presented information on the HPAI outbreak of H7N7 subtype in the county of Oxfordshire.
WED 25/06	USA		<b>Fax USA 002 to Ms CVO's:</b> follow-up information on the outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza H7N3 in Arkansas, USA.
MON 30/06			<b>Fax UK 011 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the lifting of the measures for the protection zone in relation to the outbreak of HPAI of H7N7 subtype in the county of Oxfordshire.
MON/TUE 30/06-01/07		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	The <a href="#">UK</a> presented updated information on the HPAI outbreak of H7N7 subtype in Oxfordshire. Portugal presented a report on <a href="#">emergency vaccination</a> against low pathogenic avian influenza and a future <a href="#">preventive vaccination plan</a> for AI in a game bird holding. The Community Reference Laboratory for AI presented results of <a href="#">AI surveillance in poultry in 2007</a> .
THU 03/07		<a href="#">CD 2008/543 /EC</a> published in the OJ	<b>Fax 896 to Ms CVO's:</b> publication of Commission Decision 2008/543/EC of 18 June 2008 amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in the Community
TUE 08/07			<b>Fax USA 003 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N8 subtype in a game bird farm in Payette County, Idaho, USA.
FRI 18/07			<b>Fax 897 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the published <a href="#">epidemiology report</a> on the HPAI of H7N7 subtype in Oxfordshire published by the UK.
TUE/WED 02-03/09		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information from Member States on vaccine availability for avian influenza;</li> <li>Information by the Community Reference Laboratory on the surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in the EU.</li> <li>Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/2746/2008 concerning the approval of control programmes for salmonella in certain third countries in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and listing of avian influenza surveillance programmes in certain third countries and amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 was presented for the discussion.</li> </ul>
THU 11/09			<b>Fax USA 004 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N8 subtype in a game bird farm in Payette County, Idaho, USA.
TUE 16/09		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/10283/2008 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 SCoFCAH.</li> <li>Draft Commission Decision SANCO/1469/2008 – Rev.2 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 SCoFCAH.</li> </ul>
THU 25/09			<b>Fax Italy 001 to Ms CVO's:</b> information received from the Italian authorities on the detection of low pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5 on a poultry dealer farm in the commune of Concordia Sagittaria, Venice province, Veneto region.
THU/FRI 02-03/10		Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Italy</a> presented information on the emergency vaccination against LPAI;</li> <li>The Netherlands presented information on the preventive vaccination against AI;</li> <li>Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/3011/2008 laying down animal health conditions for imports of certain birds into the Community intended for international shows and exhibitions was presented for the discussion;</li> <li>Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/2746/2008 concerning the approval of control programmes for salmonella in certain</li> </ul>

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			<p>third countries in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and listing of avian influenza surveillance programmes in certain third countries and amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 was presented for the discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Commission Decision SANCO/3013/2008 amending Decisions 2005/692/EC, 2005/731/EC, 2005/734/EC and 2007/25/EC as regards the extension of their period of application was presented for the discussion.</li> </ul>
THU 09/10	DE	HPAI H5N1 SUSPECTED in poultry	<b>Fax DE 001 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the suspicion of an outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in a mixed poultry holding located in the Landkreis Görlitz, Land Saxony, Germany.
FRI 10/10	DE	HPAI H5N1 CONFIRMED in poultry	<b>Fax DE 002 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the confirmation of an outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in a mixed poultry holding located in Markersdorf in the Landkreis Görlitz, Land Saxony, Germany.
		Commission Decision adopted	<b>Fax DE 003 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the adoption at 16.00 hrs of the Commission Decision (Document SANCO/3176/2008) concerning certain interim protection measures in relation to HPAI of subtype H5N1 in poultry in Germany.
MON 13/10	DE		<b>Fax DE 004 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information on the outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in Markersdorf, Saxony, Germany.
			<b>Fax DE 005 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on publication of Commission Decision scheduled for 14 October.
TUE 14/10	DE	<u>CD 2008/795/EC</u> published in the OJ	<b>Fax DE 006 to Ms CVO's:</b> Information on areas under restriction in Poland in relation to the outbreak in Markersdorf, Saxony, Germany
			<b>Fax DE 007 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the publication of Commission Decision 2008/795/EC concerning certain interim measures in relation to an outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in poultry in Germany.
WED 15/10	DE		<b>Fax DE 008 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information on the outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in Markersdorf, Saxony, Germany.
			<b>Fax 898 to Ms CVO's:</b> informing about a simulation exercise for avian influenza in Greece on 15-16 October.
WED 15/10	DE	Meeting of the <a href="#">SCoFCAH</a> <sup>7</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Germany</a> presented information on the avian influenza situation in Germany</li> <li>Draft Commission Decision SANCO/3177/2008 amending Decision 2006/415/EC in relation to an outbreak of HPAI of the H5N1 subtype in Germany was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> <li>Draft Commission Decision SANCO/3013/2008 Rev2 amending Decisions 2005/692/EC, 2005/731/EC, 2005/734/EC and 2007/25/EC concerning avian influenza as regards their period of application was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> <li>Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/2746/2008 amending Commission 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 was put for a vote and endorsed by the SCoFCAH.</li> </ul>
			<b>Fax DE 009 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the endorsement by Member States of Draft Commission Decision SANCO/3177/2008 amending Decision 2006/415/EC in relation to an outbreak of HPAI of the H5N1 subtype in Germany by the SCoFCAH.
FRI 24/10	DE		<b>Fax DE 010 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information on the outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in Markersdorf, Saxony, Germany.
			<b>Fax DE 011 to Ms CVO's:</b> information on the adoption of Commission Decision SANCO/3177/2008 amending Decision 2006/415/EC in relation to an outbreak of HPAI of the H5N1 subtype in Germany. The Decision is foreseen to be published in the Official Journal of the EU on 25/10/2008.



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	DE	<a href="#">CD 2008/812 /EC</a> published in the OJ	<b>Fax DE 012 to Ms CVO's:</b> publication of Commission Decision <a href="#">2008/812/EC</a> of 24 October 2008 amending Decision 2006/415/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to an outbreak of HPAI of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Germany.
FRI 31/10	DE		<b>Fax DE 013 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information on the outbreak of HPAI of subtype H5N1 in Markersdorf, Saxony, Germany.
TUE 11/11		<b>Meeting of the SCoFCAH<sup>7</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Germany</a> presented information on AI situation, virological <a href="#">testing of ducks</a> and the <a href="#">preventive vaccination plan</a> against AI.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Portugal</a> presented information on the preventive vaccination plan against AI</li> <li>• Draft Commission Regulation SANCO/3134/2008 - Rev1 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 SCoFCAH.</li> </ul>
	PT	<a href="#">CD 2008/838 /EC</a> published in the OJ	<b>Fax 899 to Ms CVO's:</b> publication of Commission Decision <a href="#">2008/838/EC</a> of 24 3 November 2008 concerning preventive vaccination against LPAI in mallard ducks in Portugal and certain measures restricting the movements of such poultry and their products.
MON 08/12	NO	<b>LPAI H7 confirmed in hobby poultry in Norway</b>	<b>Fax NO 001 to Ms CVO's:</b> information provided by the Norwegian authorities on the confirmation of LPAI of the subtype H7 in a hobby poultry holding in the county of Østfold, in the South East of Norway.
FRI 12/12	NO		<b>Fax NO 002 to Ms CVO's:</b> updated information provided by the Norwegian authorities on the confirmation of LPAI of the subtype H7 in a hobby poultry holding in the county of Østfold, in the South East of Norway.
	DE	<b>LPAI H5 confirmed in poultry in Germany</b>	<b>Fax DE 014 to Ms CVO's:</b> information from Germany on the confirmation of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype in three turkey fattening holdings in the Landkreis of Cloppenburg, Lower Saxony.
TUE 16/12	DE		<b>Fax DE 015 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information from Germany on low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5 subtype in three turkey fattening holdings in the Landkreis of Cloppenburg and official suspicion raised in 11 other poultry holdings.
WED 17/12	DE		<b>Fax DE 016 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information from Germany on low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 confirmed in 14 holdings (13 fattening turkeys and 1 mixed farm) and suspicion on three further holdings in the Landkreis of Cloppenburg and additional biosecurity and disinfection measures taken.
FRI 19/12	DE		<b>Fax DE 017 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information from Germany on officially confirmed outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 subtype on 14 holdings and 8 further holdings where suspicion has been raised.
MON 22/12	BE	<b>LPAI H5 confirmed in poultry in Belgium</b>	<b>Fax to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the Belgian authorities on the detection of two cases of LPAI of subtype H5 in two geese holdings in the provinces of Limburg and East Flanders during regular monitoring for avian influenza. The neuraminidase is not of the N1 subtype.
	IT	<b>LPAI H7 confirmed in poultry in Italy</b>	<b>Fax to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the Italian authorities on the detection of a LPAI virus of H7 subtype in a holding with 11.100 laying hens, in the commune of di Mileto, Province of Vibo Valentia, Calabria region.
TUE 23/12	BE		<b>Fax to Ms CVO's:</b> map received from the Belgian authorities, showing the location of the two geese holdings positive for LPAI of the H5 subtype in the Provinces of Limburg and East Flanders.
	DE		<b>Fax DE 018 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information from Germany on officially confirmed outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 subtype in Cloppenburg. In Landkreis Harz, Saxony Anhalt, LPAI H5 was detected in 2 ducks in a mixed holding during routine monitoring. The epidemiological enquiry has not revealed any link between the case in Harz and those in Cloppenburg.

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	DE		<b>Fax DE 019 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information from Germany on 26 officially confirmed outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 subtype in Cloppenburg and the low pathogenic avian influenza H5 finding in .the Landkreis of Harz.
	DK	<b>H7 suspicion in poultry in Denmark</b>	<b>Fax to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the Danish authorities on a suspicion of AI, based on a positive response during routine monitoring. The affected flock consists of 5500 free range layers where no clinical signs have been detected.
WED 24/12	DK	<b>H7 suspicion in poultry in Denmark not confirmed</b>	<b>Fax to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the Danish authorities that PCR tests carried out on 40 samples from the suspected holding have given NEGATIVE results for avian influenza.
	BE		<b>Fax to Ms CVO's:</b> information from the Belgian authorities on the identification of the LPAI virus subtype as H5N2 isolated from the holding in Bocholt.
TUE 30/12	DE		<b>Fax DE 020 to Ms CVO's:</b> further information from Germany on officially confirmed outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N3 subtype in Cloppenburg, Lower Saxony, where 29 holdings have been found positive and an update on the case in Landkreis Harz in Saxony Anhalt. There are no further suspicions of AI in Germany.