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AVIAN INFLUENZA (Virus A – subtype H5N1)

State of play N°2 (27-10-2005)

- For the chronology of main events and list of decisions adopted by the Commission, see:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/animal/diseases/controlmeasures/avian/ai_romania_chrono_19-10-2005.pdf
- For timeline of actions by the European Commission on avian influenza and human flu pandemic preparedness, see:
<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/284&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- For Q&A on AI, see:
<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/05/283&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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Animal Health situation and measures taken

Third countries

Third country concerned	Measures (adopted by SCOFCAH procedure)	Apply until
Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, North Korea, Pakistan, Vietnam	Import restrictions <i>Decision 2005/692 – 6 Octobre 2005</i>	30 SEPT 2006
Russia	import restrictions <i>Decision 2005/693 – 6 Octobre 2005</i> <i>Amended by Decision 2005/ 740 - 20 October 2005</i>	31 DEC 2005
Romania, Turkey, Croatia	Import restrictions <i>Decision 2005/710 (Romania)- 13 Octobre 2005</i> <i>Decision 2005/733 – 19 Octobre 2005 (Turkey)</i> <i>Decision 2005/??? adopted by the Commission on 25/10/2005 – Still to be published (Croatia)</i>	30 APRIL 2006
All third countries	import restrictions on captive birds <i>Decision 2005/??? adopted by the Commission on 25/10/2005 – Still to be published</i>	30 NOV 2005
All third countries	Restrictions on movements of birds accompanying their owners <i>Decision 2005/??? adopted by the Commission on 25/10/2005 – Still to be published</i>	30 NOV 2005

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EU-25

Who	Measures (adopted by SCOFCAH procedure)	Apply until
Commission	<p>Additional requirements for the surveillance of avian influenza in wild birds</p> <p><i>Décision 2005/731 – 17 Octobre 2005</i></p>	31 JAN 2006
Commission	<p>Approval of programmes for the implementation of Member States' surveys for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds during 2005 and laying down reporting and eligibility rules for the Community financial contribution to the implementation costs of those programmes</p> <p><i>Décision 2005/732 – 17 Octobre 2005</i></p>	
Commission	<p>Members States to inform commission on Bio-security measures taken at National level</p> <p><i>Decision 2005/734 – 19 October 2005</i></p>	5 NOV 2005
Commission	<p>Bio-security measures to be taken after assessing areas particularly at risk. Keeping poultry indoors is required in areas at risk.</p> <p><i>Decision 2005/734 – 19 October 2005</i></p> <p><i>Amended by Decision 2005/745 - 21 October 2005</i></p>	1 DEC 2005
Commission	<p>Measures to be taken concerning animals in zoo</p> <p><i>Decision 2005/744 – 21 October 2005</i></p>	

Meetings to come

Agricultural Council	Update on avian influenza Discussion on economical consequences	24 OCT 2005
International ministerial meeting, Ottawa, Canada	on avian influenza preparedness	24-25 OCT 2005
National reference laboratories on AI of the MS, Candidate and 3 rd Countries	Improve coordination of activities between Community and national reference laboratories	4 NOV 2005
Joint WHO/OIE/FAO/World Bank conference, Geneva	To mobilise resources for the control of AI in animals and for the prevention of pandemic influenza in humans	7 – 9 NOV 2005
SCFCAH	Regular meeting of the Animal health and welfare section	10 – 11 NOV 2005
CVO/CMO meeting		12 NOV 2005

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Member States

All Member States have defined or are currently defining their areas particularly at risk and all necessary biosecurity measures have been consequently adopted.

Where	Situation and Measures taken	Apply until
Austria	Poultry have to be kept indoors.	
Belgium	Normal biosecurity measures applied Information given to the producers on what to do. Reflection on vaccination	
Czech Republic	No position on the labelling of free range and organic A responsible for the AI crisis has been designated	
Dk	Poultry have to be kept indoors. If not possible feeding places have to be covered. Monitoring system and other measures in place.	
France	Normal biosecurity measures applied AFFSA determined 21 "departements" at risk where poultry have to be kept indoors in these regions. Information is given to the consumer.	
Germany	Poultry have to be kept indoors. Derogation for geese and ducks Analysis of wild birds showed no problem	15 DEC 2005
Greece	Suspected case of AI – Tests negative – Other results expected for 24-29/10 Transport and export restriction from the island where the suspected outbreak appeared	
Italy	Normal biosecurity measures applied	

	Compulsory labelling of origin Information to the consumers	
NL	Poultry have to be kept indoors Pet birds in areas at risk Discussion on vaccination in their parliament	
Poland	Poultry have to be kept indoors.	
Portugal	Normal biosecurity measures applied Better controls on the borders To sell live birds on the local market is prohibited	
Slovenia	Close to Croatia where a case has been confirmed (suspected?)- All poultry are kept indoors	
UK	Normal biosecurity measures applied. Information to the consumer by a doctor famous on TV Questions on what has to be done for free range chicken (5 millions) and organic: derogation for labelling?	
Sweden	At this time of the year, almost all poultry are yet kept indoors. Poultry have however to be kept indoors since the 26/10/2005 until the 01/12/2005	

Economical impact

Where	Situation	Comments - Remarks
Belgium	Drop due to the panic in neighbour countries. Biggest drops for free range and organic chicken. Problem because Belgium is an important exporter.	
Czech Republic, Dk, Lituania, Hungary, NL, Estonia	No particular drop in consumption for the moment	
France	25% drop in consumption following the EFSA declaration	
Germany	Consumers are concerned	
Greece	80% drop in consumption last week ; the consumption starts again A common surveillance centre has been created for Greece and the neighbouring countries (Bulgaria, Macedonia...)	
Italy	30% drop in consumption	
Slovenia	5 to 10% drop in consumption	
Spain	No evaluation for the moment, but real risk because the name of AI is "gripe del pollo" ("poultry flu")	
UK	Drop in consumption 20%. Increased for eggs (consumers trust the British brands)	

Nota:

France submitted a paper at the last Agricultural Council on 24/10/2005

Commission outlined possible measures at Agricultural Council 24/10/2005:

http://ue.eu.int/ueDocs/cms_Data/docs/pressData/en/agricult/86734.pdf

Derogation on labelling rules concerning free-range and organic poultry should also be considered

Action to be taken by COPA-COGECA and Member Organisations

Draft letter to be prepared following the COPA-COGECA eggs and poultry working party meeting on 24 October to be sent to the Commission stressing the need to:

- _ Harmonise decisions and rules on the veterinary field at EU level
- _ Strengthen and improve coordination between Member States
- _ Better communication in order to avoid massive reaction from consumers. Commission's support is requested here
- _ Evaluate market impact and use available tools at EU level to help redress the situation (export refunds, exceptional market support measures, derogation on labelling...)

Public Health

See the Commission website: http://europa.eu.int/comm/health/ph_threats/com/Influenza/influenza_en.htm

Communication

- By the **Commission**: See http://europa.eu.int/comm/press_room/presspacks/avianflu/index_fr.htm

- By the **Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health** :
 - 14/10/2005 - [QV\(05\)209X1](#)
 - 20/10/2005 - [QV\(05\)210X1](#)
 - 25/10/2005 - [QV\(05\)211X1](#)

- By the **EFSA** : see its last press release on avian influenza and the risks when eating eggs and poultry meat: http://www.efsa.eu.int/press_room/press_release/1193/comm_pr_avian_flu_update_20051026_en1.pdf

- By the **ECDC** : see <http://www.ecdc.eu.int/>

- By the **EP**: See the Agri-Press

- By **COPA-COGECA**: [CdP(05)69-1]