

AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) - Response to Outbreaks in third countries in 2004/2005

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

Situation as of 12 August 2005
DG SANCO.E2: Animal health and welfare, zootechnics

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| 1 st | FRI 12/12/ 2003 | The veterinary authorities from the Republic of South Korea report to the OIE ³ a confirmed outbreak of HPAI ⁴ . | European Commission monitors the evolving animal situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as South Korea is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | H5N1 initially isolated from 1 farm in the central part of the country. |
| 2 nd | WED 17/12 | Republic of South Korea report a second outbreak of HPAI to the OIE. | | The second outbreak affects two farms and is located 2.5 km from the first affected farm. |
| 5 th | THU 8/1/ 2004 | The Vietnamese veterinary authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI in three farms. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Vietnam is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | First outbreak in Vietnam- H5 subtype isolated from three farms. |

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. For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the Official Journal, to the Commission's [avian influenza webpage](#), including associated [press releases](#) . 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, or [AI pages](#) from the World Health Organisation (WHO)

² Number of weeks since first notification of avian influenza by South Korea on 12/12/2003.

³ OIE- The World Organisation for Animal Health is an intergovernmental organisation set up to monitor and report on global animal health

⁴ HPAI- High Pathogenic avian influenza

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 6 th | MON 12/1 | The Japanese Veterinary authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI in three farms. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Japan is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | First outbreak in Japan- H5N1 subtype isolated from one farm in the Yamaguchi prefecture. |
| | TUES 13/1- WED 14/1 | Meeting of the SCFCAH ⁵ | The evolving situation in South East Asia is discussed. It was agreed that because no imports of live poultry or poultry products take place from any of the countries affected by AI, a safeguard measure was not necessary. In addition, because live birds other than poultry have to undergo 30 day quarantine and must be subjected to laboratory testing for avian influenza in accordance with Commission Decision 2000/666/EC , they could still be imported from this region. However the Commission stressed that it would continue to monitor the epidemiological situation. | OIE press release on AI situation in South East Asia. |
| | WED 15/1 | | | FAO ⁶ press release expressing concern about the spread of AI in Asia. |

⁵ Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health - It is a Regulatory Committee, chaired by the Commission, including veterinary experts from all MS's governments

⁶ FAO- The Food and Agriculture Organisation is a specialist agency of the UN focusing on agriculture and food supply- see [here](#) for its work in relation to AI

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| | THU 16/1 | | Press release - Commissioner Byrne offers help in avian influenza crisis to Vietnam (IP/04/64) | |
| 7 th | TUES 20/1 | The Taiwanese authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of AI (low path. AI). | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Taiwan is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | First outbreak in Taiwan- Low pathogenic H5N2 subtype isolated from two farms, one in Changhwa Prefecture and the other in Chiayi Prefecture. |
| | WED 21/1 | | | OIE press release updating AI situation Vietnam, including work of the WHO/OIE/FAO task force. |
| | FRI 23/1 | The Thai authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI. | The Commission adopts Decision 2004/84/EC ⁷ to suspend imports into the EU from Thailand of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fresh meat from poultry, ratites, farmed and wild feather game, • meat preparations and products consisting of or containing meat from those species, • raw petfood and unprocessed feed material from these species, from poultry slaughtered after 1 January 2004, and • eggs for human consumption. | First outbreak in Thailand- H5 subtype isolated from a single farm in Supanburi Province. OIE press release on situation in Thailand. Commission action is summarised in a Press release (IP/04/95) |

⁷ OJ L 17, 24.1.2004, p.57.

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|
| | SAT 24/1 | The Cambodian authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Cambodia is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | First outbreak in Cambodia - H5N1 subtype isolated from the infected farm. |
| 8 th | MON 26/1 | The Hong Kong authorities report to the OIE that HPAI has been isolated in a single falcon found dead within its territory. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Hong Kong is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | |
| | TUE2 27/1 | The Laos authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Laos is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | <p>First outbreak in Laos- H5 subtype isolated from a single farm close to Vientiane.</p> <p>OIE press release on evolving AI situation in Asia.</p> <p>OIE press release on initial information from the joint WHO/OIE/FAO⁸ mission to Vietnam.</p> <p>FAO- first summary report on AI epidemic.</p> |

⁸ WHO- World Health Organisation is a specialist agency of the UN and its primary role to improve global public health – see [here](#) for its work on AI and public health

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|---|--|--|
| | WED 28/1 | Meeting of the SCFCAH (Section- Biological Safety of the Food Chain) | Commission Decision 2004/93/EC ⁹ adopted by the Commission following agreement in SCFCAH. The Decision suspends imports of birds other than poultry, including pet birds from South East Asia. | Commission action is summarised in a Press release (IP/04/123). |
| | | The Pakistani authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI (H7 subtype). | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Pakistan is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | Three outbreaks in Sindh province in Pakistan - the first Pakistani outbreaks during the epidemic. H7 subtype isolated. |
| | | OIE press release reporting the notification by the Chinese authorities of a confirmed outbreak of HPAI in ducks. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as China is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | First outbreak reported in China- H5N1 subtype isolated from infected ducks in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, SW China. |
| | THU 29/1 | | In response to requests from WHO/OIE/FAO, an EU official flies to Vietnam to provide assistance in tackling the AI outbreak in the area. See Commission press release (Midday express). | OIE press release requesting Indonesia to confirm reports made by Ministry of Agriculture of AI outbreaks in Indonesia (see 3 Feb.). FAO- second summary report on AI epidemic in Asia. |
| FRI 30/01 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains updates on the disease situation in Cambodia , Pakistan , Hong Kong (wild bird) and Laos . | |

⁹ OJ L 27, 30.1.2004, p.55.

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| 9 th | MON 2/2- TUE 3/2/ 2004 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | Commission Decision 2004/122/EC ¹⁰ adopted by the Commission following agreement in SCFCAH. The Decision consolidates and prolongs for 6 months (until 15 August 2004) the measures adopted in relation to AI in Asia regarding the suspension of imports of both poultry meat and 'other' live birds, and repeals Decision 2004/84/EC and Commission Decision 2004/93/EC . | Commission action is summarised in a Press release (IP/04/160) FAO- third summary report on AI epidemic in Asia. | |
| | TUE 3/2 | The Indonesian authorities report to the OIE confirmed outbreaks of HPAI. | European Commission monitors the evolving animal health situation, but agrees that no action is necessary as Indonesia is not authorised for the importation of live poultry or poultry meat into the EU. | 127 outbreaks reported in Indonesia - caused by H5N1 subtype. 20.2M birds slaughtered since mid-December 03. Vaccination programme introduced | |
| | WED 4/2 | OIE receive updated report on AI situation in China. | | | |
| | TUE 3/2- THU 5/2 | A joint FAO/OIE/WHO meeting on Avian influenza at FAO headquarters in Rome. | | OIE press release and FAO press release summarising outcome of the joint meeting in Rome, including recommendations to manage the crisis. | |
| | THU 5/2 | | | Article in Nature news section on AI epidemic in Asia. | |

¹⁰ OJ L36, 7.2.2004, p.59.

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|---|---|
| | FRI 6/2 | | | FAO press release - No evidence that swine are assisting the spread of AI in Vietnam. OIE- publication of the second follow-up report of AI situation in Thailand. |
| | SUN 8/2 | | | FAO- fourth summary report on AI epidemic in Asia. |
| 10 th | TUE 10/2 | | Speech by Commissioner Byrne to the European Parliament (Strasbourg) on the avian influenza situation in Asia and the Commission's response (Speech/04/66). | |
| | WED 11/2 | | Press release European Commission provides 1 million Euro to combat avian influenza in Vietnam (IP/04/192). | OIE- publication of the first follow-up report of AI situation in China. |
| | THU 12/2 | | Meeting of EU health ministers- Speech by Commission Byrne on the importance of planning and co-ordination to tackle AI health threat. | Press release – Commission Byrne welcomes ministerial agreement for a co-ordinated approach to Influenza preparedness (IP/04/206). |
| | FRI 13/2 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in China , Korea and Thailand . FAO press release - AI is not yet under control in several affected countries. |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | SAT 14/2 | | | FAO- fifth summary report on AI epidemic in Asia. |
| 11 th | MON 16/2 | | | OIE press release –HPAI is not spreading to other countries. |
| | WED 18/2 | | | FAO press release - Disease prevention should be based on proper control and surveillance systems in poultry flocks and not on the killing wild birds. |
| | FRI 20/2 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in China , Japan and Thailand . |
| 12 th | MON 23/2 | <p>The USA veterinary authorities report to the OIE a confirmed outbreak of HPAI in a poultry farm.</p> <p>The USA authorities also maintain specific webpages on the AI outbreak in the US.</p> | | <p>First outbreak in the US- H5N2 reported on farm in Gonzalez County in the State of Texas.</p> <p>A press release from the USDA¹¹ confirms details of the outbreak.</p> <p>FAO- sixth summary report on AI epidemic.</p> |

¹¹ USDA- United States Department of Agriculture

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---|--|
| | TUE 24/2 | | In response to the AI outbreak in the USA, the Commission adopt Commission Decision 2004/187/EC ¹² to suspend imports into the EU of live poultry, eggs, pet birds, and fresh meat, meat products and preparations from poultry, ratites and feathered game from the US until 23 rd March 2004. | Commission action is summarised in a Press release (IP/04/257). |
| | WED 25/2 | | | FAO press release stating that control campaigns against AI in Asia should continue. |
| | THU 26/2- SAT 28/2 | | Commission participation at FAO/OIE emergency regional meeting in Bangkok on "Avian Influenza Control in Asia". | Report of the FAO/OIE meeting on AI control in Asia, including Situation, Notification, Achievements, and Recommendations. |
| | FRI 27/2 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Vietnam , Thailand and US . |

¹² OJ L57, 25.2.2004, p.35

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| 13 th | TUE 2/3/ 2004 | | | WHO summary report following the meeting in Bangkok on 26-28 Feb: Consideration of the situation (poultry) in Asia: need for a long-term response and comparison with previous outbreaks. FAO- seventh summary report on AI epidemic. |
| | TUE 2/3- WED 3/3 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH reconfirm the measures adopted by the European Commission on 24 February after an outbreak of AI in Texas, USA. Commission Decision 2004/256/EC ¹³ therefore repeals and replaces Commission Decision 2004/187/EC (see24/2) and the import into the EU of live poultry, eggs and pet birds from the US remains suspended until 23 March. This measure will be reviewed by SCFCAH on 22/3. | Commission action is summarised in a Press release (midday express). |
| | FRI 5/3 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in China , Pakistan , Indonesia , Thailand and US . |

¹³ OJ L 80, 18.3.2004, p.31

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|---|---|--|
| 14 th | TUE 9/3 | The Canadian veterinary authorities issue a press release confirming an outbreak of HPAI in a poultry farm. Canadian authorities also maintain specific webpages on the AI outbreak in Canada. | | First HPAI outbreak reported in Canada - H7N3 strain has been isolated from a farm in Fraser Valley in British Columbia. LPAI had recently been identified at the farm, but investigations have now revealed that HPAI strains are also present. |
| | WED 10/3 | The OIE confirm reports from the Canadian veterinary authorities about the outbreak of HPAI in a poultry farm. | | |
| | THU 11/3 | | In response to the AI outbreak in Canada, the Commission adopt Commission Decision 2004/242/EC ¹⁴ to suspend imports into the EU of live poultry, eggs, pet birds, and fresh meat, together with certain meat products and preparations from poultry, ratites and feathered game from Canada until 6 th April 2004. | Commission action is summarised in a Press release (IP/04/325). FAO press release stating that affected countries should not restock flocks too quickly. |
| | FRI 12/3 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Japan , Thailand and Canada . FAO- eighth summary report on AI epidemic. |

¹⁴ OJ L 74, 12.3.2004, p.21

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 15 th | FRI 19/3 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Pakistan, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand.</p> <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Canada.</p> <p>FAO/OIE press release stating caution about declaring victory over AI in Asia.</p> |
| 16 th | MON 22/3 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH agree to continue the suspension of imports from the US of live poultry, eggs and pet birds, and fresh meat, meat products and preparations from poultry, ratites and feathered game. The continuation of these measures is laid down in SANCO/10150/2004-REV.2 which replaces Commission Decision 2004/256/EC (see 2 March) and will remain in place until 23 April, but can be reviewed in light of the evolving disease situation.</p> | <p>Commission action is summarised in a Press release IP/04/376.</p> |
| | TUE 23/3 | | <p>Publication of Commission Decision 2004/274/EC¹⁵ prolonging measures against the US (see 22 March).</p> | <p>FAO- ninth summary report on AI epidemic.</p> |

¹⁵ OJ L 86, 24.3.2004, p.27

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| | FRI 26/3 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in China , Korea and Thailand . |
| 17 th | TUE 30/3 | Meeting of the SCFAH | <p>SCFAH agrees to Commission proposals to limit the suspension of imports of live poultry, poultry meat and products and eggs from the USA and Canada to the areas where the outbreaks of avian influenza occurred and a large surrounding buffer zone.</p> <p>For the USA, SANCO/10204/2004-Rev. 1 limits import restrictions to the State of Texas.</p> <p>For Canada, SANCO/10207/2004-Rev.1 limits restrictions to a part of the province of British Columbia. These measures will remain in force until 23 August and 1 October for the US and Canada respectively, but can be reviewed in light of the evolving disease situation.</p> <p>The adoption of the Decisions is foreseen for 6 April 2004 and their publication by 7 April.</p> | Commission action is summarised in a Press release IP/04/423 . |
| | THU 1/4/ 2004 | | | FAO- tenth summary report on AI epidemic. |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--|---|
| | FRI 2/4 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Pakistan , Thailand and Canada . |
| 18 th | TUE 6/4 | | Formal adoption by the Commission and notification to Member States of the Decisions on the US and Canada voted at the SCFCAH of 30 March. | |
| | THU 8/4 | | | FAO- eleventh summary report on AI epidemic. |
| | FRI 9/4 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Indonesia , Thailand , US (final report) and Canada (follow-up report 3 and 4). The US report that the HPAI outbreaks in Texas initially reported on 23 Feb have now been stamped out. |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 19 th | WED 14/4- THU 15/4 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, Canada and US. | <p>In Asia, no new countries have reported disease outbreaks. China has reported the latest outbreaks in mid February and considers the disease eradicated. In Thailand 2 further outbreaks have been reported to OIE by 9 April.</p> <p>USA considers the disease eradicated.</p> <p>Canada reports 38 outbreaks (28 in commercial holdings and 10 in backyard flocks).</p> |
| | FRI 16/4 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Canada.</p> <p>Updated information on the AI situation in Canada can also be found on webpages maintained by the Canadian authorities.</p> <p>FAO- twelfth summary report on AI epidemic.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--|---|
| 20 th | WED 21/4 | | <p>Publication of Commission Decision 2004/363/EC¹⁶ on concerning protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in the United States of America, and Commission Decision 2004/364/EC¹⁷ concerning protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Canada.</p> <p>These Decisions were adopted on 6th April following discussion in SCFAH on 30th March (see above).</p> | |
| | FRI 23/4 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Taiwan (LPAI) and Thailand . |
| 21 th | TUE 27/4 | | | FAO- thirteenth summary report on AI epidemic. Include details of outbreaks in Cambodia, Thailand and Indonesia. |
| | FRI 30/4 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand . |

¹⁶ OJ L 114, 21.4.2004, p.19

¹⁷ OJ L 114, 21.4.2004, p.22

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 22 th | WED 5/5/ 2004 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH agreed a draft Commission Decision to prolong the protection measures in relation to avian influenza in several Asian countries. In view of the continuing outbreaks, the Decision will amend CD 2004/122/EC (see 2-3 February) to prolong the measures until 15 December.</p> <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, Canada and US.</p> | <p>Asia- 9 countries affected in total with H5N1 strain and more than a 100 million domestic poultry dead or stamped out. However no new country has reported infections for some time.</p> <p>Canada report outbreaks confined to three clusters within 20KM radius control area. Depopulation of farms is continuing, and appears to be slowing the progression of the outbreak.</p> |
| | FRI 7/5 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand and Canada . |
| 23 th | THU 13/5 | | | FAO- Fourteenth summary report on AI epidemic. |
| | FRI 14/5 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand , Vietnam and Indonesia . |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 24 th | FRI 21/5 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- The US submit a final report indicating that the LPAI strain (H7N2) detected in poultry in Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey has been completely eradicated. |
| 25 th | THU 27/5 | | | FAO- Fifteenth summary report on AI epidemic; gives details on new reported cases in Thailand and Indonesia. |
| | FRI 28/5 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand . |
| 26 th | TUE- WED 8-9/6/ 2004 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, Canada and US. | |
| | FRI 11/6 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand - (No new outbreaks reported in Thailand since 25 May). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 27 th | TUE 15/6 | | | FAO- Sixteenth summary report on AI epidemic. Included update on the situation in the US. |
| 29 th | TUE 29/6 | | | FAO- seventeenth summary report on AI epidemic. Includes info on Vietnam and the US. |
| | FRI 2/7/ 2004 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Indonesia (4 outbreaks reported in previously affected province between 1-16 Jun) and Vietnam (1 re-occurrence in a previously infected area). |
| 30 th | FRI 9/7 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (2 new outbreaks) and China (1 new outbreak). FAO press release warning that the Avian influenza epidemic in Asian countries far from over and virus is still circulating in the region - long-term surveillance and control strategies needed. |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 31 th | WED 14/7 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, Canada and US. | FAO- eighteenth summary report on AI epidemic in Asia. New outbreaks of the AI virus H5N1 in China, Thailand and Vietnam confirm that viral activity is still present in the region. |
| | FRI 16/7 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (over 25 new outbreaks reported across 13 provinces), Vietnam (1 new outbreak in a previously infected area) and Japan (Final report- no new outbreaks reported since 5 March, and therefore national restrictions have been removed).</p> <p>FAO press release urging countries in Asia not to cull wild birds in response to recent outbreaks of avian influenza in China, Thailand and Vietnam.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--|---|
| 32 nd | FRI 23/7 | | Adoption of Commission Decision 2004/572/EC ¹⁸ amending Decision 2004/122/EC to prolong certain protection measures in relation to avian influenza in several Asian countries for a further six months until 15 December 2004 (agreed at SCFCAH on 5 May- see above). | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (45 new outbreaks reported across 17 provinces), Vietnam (3 new outbreaks in a previously infected area), Korea (Final report - no new cases reported since 21 March- surveillance etc indicated Korea now free of disease), Canada (Final report- no new outbreaks reported since end of May, and therefore national restrictions have been removed, and Canada considered free from infection from 9 July). |
| 33 rd | WED 28/7 | | | FAO- nineteenth summary report on AI epidemic, including detailed information on situation in Thailand and Vietnam. |

¹⁸ OJ L 253 , 29/07/2004 P. 22

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | FRI 30/7 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (18 new outbreaks reported across 13 provinces) and Cambodia (2 outbreaks reported, but no new outbreaks since 1 April).</p> <p>FAO press release announcing that the launch of three sub regional veterinary networks for Asia.</p> |
| 34 th | WED- THU 4/8-5/8/ 2004 | Press reports that suspected cases of avian influenza have been found in three ostrich farms in the Eastern Cape province within the Republic of South Africa (ZA). | European Commission monitors the situation, and contacts the South African delegation for further information. | Reports indicate that authorities in neighbouring Western Cape Province have put in place a ban on the movement of birds from Eastern Cape. |
| | FRI 6/8 (am) | No official information on the cause of disease is available pending the results of laboratory analysis from the suspected cases. | European Commission sends a fax updating MS on the current situation. | |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| | FRI 6/8 (pm) | <p>South African authorities confirm HPAI¹⁹ (H5N2 virus strain) has been isolated from two ratite (ostrich) farms in the Eastern Cape Province.</p> <p>The South African authorities suspend exports of all live poultry, pigeons, ratites (ostriches) and other birds, and meat, eggs and other products from these species to all trading partners, including the EU, from the whole of the territory with immediate effect.</p> | <p>European Commission sends a fax informing the MS of the official confirmation of HPAI, and give details of measures taken by South Africa in regard to exports.</p> | <p>First confirmed outbreak in South Africa.</p> <p>South African Agriculture Department issues a press release giving details of the outbreak, and control measures put in place in the affected area.</p> <p>OIE²⁰ submits an alert message giving details of the confirmed outbreak.</p> |
| | FRI 6/8 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (11 new outbreaks reported across 8 provinces) and Indonesia (1 outbreak reported in a previously infected area- during the epidemic a total of 15 provinces have been affected).</p> |

¹⁹ HPAI- Highly Pathogenic avian influenza

²⁰ OIE- The World Organisation for Animal Health is an intergovernmental organisation set up to monitor and report on global animal health

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|---|---|---|
| 35 th | MON 9/8 | | Commission drafts a Decision laying down safeguard measures against South Africa. | FAO- twentieth summary report on AI epidemic- One month has past since what appeared as a “second wave” of avian influenza (AI) in several Asian countries. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam and Thailand. The summary report includes information on the situation in South Africa. |
| | TUE 10/8 | | The Commission adopts a Decision to suspend imports into the EU from South Africa of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live ratites, hatching eggs etc • Ratite meat and meat products and preparations consisting of or containing meat from Ratites • Pet birds The suspension comes into force immediately and will remain in place until 1 January 2005. | Commission action is summarised in a Press release IP/04/1024 South African Department of Agriculture press release giving additional information on control measures within the country. |
| | WED 11/8 | In accordance with Community rules on safeguard measures adopted unilaterally by the Commission, Article 18 of 91/496/EC and Article 22 of 97/78/EC, state that the “SCOFCAH shall have, within 10 working days, the matter referred to it, with a view to the extension, amendment or repeal of the measures”. | The Commission invoked the written procedure as foreseen in SCOFCAH rules to ensure that action taken by the Commission is fully ratified by SCOFCAH. The Commission sends a fax to Member States requesting agreement for a draft decision to ratify the measures that were laid down by the Commission at short notice. | |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--|---|
| | THU 12/8 | | Publication of Commission Decision 2004/594/EC ²¹ adopted by the Commission on 10 August to suspend imports of ratites and ratite meat etc from South Africa. | South African Department of Agriculture press release giving exemptions for self-imposed export ban of poultry and ratites products. |
| | FRI 13/8 | | | OIE- weekly disease information bulletin- contains detail on the initial disease outbreak in South Africa . |
| 36 th | WED 18/8 | | | South African Department of Agriculture press release confirming that HPAI had been confirmed in three farms within the 30km quarantine area around the original outbreak. However the disease had not been identified outside the 30km zone. |

²¹ OJ L 265, 12.8.2004, p.9.

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| | THU 19/8 | The Malaysian authorities report a confirmed outbreak of HPAI. | <p>The Commission confirms to the MS by fax that the draft Decision submitted last week has been agreed unanimously using the written SCFCAH procedure. MS were informed that the new Decision would be adopted in the next week.</p> <p>In separate fax, the Commission also passes on to the MS further information from the South African authorities confirming that the disease remains confined to the Blue Crane Municipal District in the Eastern Cape Province and that all poultry within a 30 km radius are being slaughtered and destroyed as a precautionary measure.</p> | First outbreak in Malaysia- H5 subtype isolated from a single farm in Kelantan State. |
| | FRI 20/8 | Following outbreaks of AI in the US earlier in the year, the US report to the OIE that because 6 months have elapsed after the last outbreak, it considers itself officially free of HPAI. | The Commission adopts Commission Decision 2004/606/EC ²² to suspend imports of feathers and pet birds into the EU from Malaysia following the outbreak of HPAI. (This amends CD 2004/122/EC to add Malaysia to the list of countries where certain protection measures apply). | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin Malaysia - confirms primary outbreak of HPAI (H5) in the country, in Kelantan State. |

²² OJ L 273 , 21/08/2004 P. 0021 - 0022

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------|---|---|
| 37 th | SAT-MON 21/8-23/8 | | | <p>FAO Expert meeting on surveillance and diagnosis of AI in Asia- in Bangkok.</p> <p>Report on Guiding principles for HPAI Surveillance and Diagnostic networks in Asia, subsequently published based on discussions at the meeting.</p> |
| | MON 23/8 | | <p>Commission press release (IP/04/1041) giving details of the Commission Decision to suspend imports of feathers and pet birds from Malaysia.</p> <p>Commission Decision 2004/363/EC²³ limiting exports from certain areas of the US in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza (adopted on 6 April- see above) expires. In view of the positive measures taken by the US, and the declaration by the US authorities that the whole territory is now classified as officially free from disease, no additional action is necessary, and hence exports for the whole of the US can recommence.</p> | <p>Commission informs Member States by fax that Commission Decision 2004/363/EC has now elapsed.</p> <p>OIE issue press release regarding recent scientific work in China on the presence of H5N1 AI virus in pigs. The OIE confirm that further enquiries are continuing, but that no virus has been isolated from field samples taken from pigs during the current epidemic in China.</p> |
| | TUE 24/8 | | <p>Adoption of Commission Decision 2004/614/EC²⁴ agreed by SCFCAH maintaining the measures taken against South Africa until 1 January 2004, and repealing CD 2004/594/EC (see 19/8).</p> | |

²³ OJ L 114, 21.4.2004, p.19

²⁴ OJ L 275 , 25/08/2004 P.20-22

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--|---|
| | THU 26/8 | | Commission press release (midday express) confirming the prolongation of the import embargo on poultry products and pet birds from several Asian countries (Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, China, South Korea and Vietnam) until 15 December.(see 23/7) | |
| | FRI 27/8 | | | <p>FAO- Twenty-first summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and China.</p> <p>OIE - weekly disease information bulletin- contains details on the disease outbreak in South Africa.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 38 th | WED 1/9/ 2004 | <p>OIE issue a further press release regarding Chinese work AI virus in pigs. The OIE confirm that H5N1 strain was isolated from 2 samples taken from pigs in 2001 and 2003, but no isolates have been recovered from pigs during the current epidemic. However the OIE urged AI-affected countries to increase their epidemiological surveillance to better understand the implications of the existence of H5N1 virus in pigs.</p> | | |
| | FRI 3/9 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (61 new outbreaks reported across 22 provinces).</p> |
| 39 th | FRI 10/9 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Malaysia (Confirms H5N1 strain with 97% homogeneity to strain isolated elsewhere in Asia. Also report of new outbreak in previously affected state)</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 40 th | TUE 14/9 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, Canada and South Africa.</p> <p>Commission presents a draft Decision for vote to amend 2004/122/EC for the third time in order to prolong the protection measures for Asia. (Published on 15 Dec 04-see below)</p> | |
| | | | | <p>FAO- Twenty-second summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and South Africa.</p> <p>The Summary report also includes consideration of surveillance and post-epidemic rehabilitation activities, including enhanced biosecurity at poultry farms and associated premises.</p> |
| | WED 15/9 | | | <p>Commission press release (midday express) summarising the latest Commission response agreed at SCFCAH on 14/9 to the ongoing AI situation on Asia, South Africa, US and Canada</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | FRI 17/9 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Malaysia (Confirms H5N1 strain with 97% homogeneity to strain isolated elsewhere in Asia. Also report of new outbreak in previously affected state), and Thailand (28 new outbreaks reported across 18 provinces)</p> |
| 41 st | FRI 24/9 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (21 new outbreaks reported across 13 provinces), Cambodia (single outbreak in a broiler farm) and Vietnam (9 outbreaks)</p> <p>Korea declared themselves free of HPAI to OIE- the last confirmed case was on 20 March 2004</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------|---|---|
| 42 nd | MON 27/9 | | | <p>Joint OIE/FAO press release providing an update on HPAI Control Methods in Asia including the use of Vaccination.</p> <p>OIE/FAO consider that the virus will not be eradicated in the near future.</p> <p>FAO publish full report on Recommendations on the Prevention, Control and Eradication of HPAI in Asia</p> |
| | FRI 1/10/ 2004 | | <p>Commission Decision 2004/364/EC²⁵ concerning protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Canada, adopted on 6th April following discussion in SCFAH on 30th March (see above), expires.</p> <p>In view of the positive measures taken by the Canadian Authorities, and the declaration that the whole territory is now classified as officially free from disease, no additional action is necessary, and exports for the whole of Canadian territory can recommence.</p> | |

²⁵ OJ L 114, 21.4.2004, p.22

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | <p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (46 new outbreaks reported across 21 provinces), and Malaysia (2 outbreaks in Kelantan State)</p> |
| 43 rd | <p>MON 4/10</p> | | | <p>FAO - Twenty-third summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Africa.</p> <p>The Summary report also makes recommendations on prevention, control and eradication of HPAI in Asia, and includes consideration of Surveillance and Post-epidemic rehabilitation activities, particularly in Vietnam and Cambodia.</p> |
| | <p>FRI 8/10</p> | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (37 new outbreaks reported across 19 provinces), and Indonesia (2 outbreaks).</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 44 th | TUE- WED 11/10- 12/10 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia and South Africa.</p> <p>Committee agree a draft Commission Decision to amending Decision 2004/614/EC to prolong the protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in the Republic of South Africa until 31 March 2005.(Decision published on 23 Dec 04- see below)</p> | |
| | FRI 15/10 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (54 new outbreaks reported across 17 provinces) |
| 45 th | FRI 22/10 | Report from Thailand of mortality in a zoo population of tigers caused by HPAI. | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Vietnam (3 outbreaks).</p> <p>FAO- Twenty-fourth summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Furthermore, it reports also a summary of recent published report on FAO recommendations for the prevention, control and eradication of HPAI in Asia.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 46 th | FRI 29/10 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (167 outbreaks reported across 30 provinces) and South Africa.</p> <p>Follow –up report to OIE from Thailand on further mortality in a zoo population of tigers caused by HPAI.</p> |
| 47 th | FRI 5/11/ 2004 | Report to OIE of AI in a wild bird (grey heron) in Hong Kong . | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (43 outbreaks reported across 19 provinces) and Malaysia (summary of action taken following previous outbreaks- no new cases reported).</p> <p>Follow–up report to OIE from Thailand on further mortality in a zoo population of tigers caused by HPAI.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 48 th | THU 11/11 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia and South Africa. | Joint FAO, OIE and WHO press release highlighting the dangers posed by domestic ducks in relation to AI. Studies indicate that ducks may act as 'silent reservoirs' for H5N1 strains of AI and apparently healthy ducks may infect other poultry populations |
| | FRI 12/11 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (117 outbreaks reported across 27 provinces). Follow-up report to OIE from Thailand on mortality in a zoo population of tigers caused by HPAI. (No new deaths reported since 28 October). |
| 49 th | THU 18/11 | | | FAO- Twenty-fifth summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Hong Kong. Notes that no cases reported in Cambodia or Malaysia during the preceding month. |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | FRI 19/11 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (37 outbreaks reported across 9 provinces).</p> <p>Follow-up report to OIE from Thailand on mortality in a zoo population of tigers caused by HPAI. (No new deaths reported since 28 October).</p> |
| 50 th | FRI 26/11 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (17 outbreaks reported across 9 provinces) and Vietnam (1 outbreak).</p> <p>Follow-up report to OIE from Thailand on mortality in a zoo population of tigers caused by HPAI. (No new deaths reported since 28 October-report on further surveillance carried out at the zoo).</p> <p>As no outbreaks have occurred for six months, Canada is declared free of HPAI to OIE.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 51 st | FRI 3/12/ 2004 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (43 outbreaks reported across 19 provinces) and Malaysia (Single case of AI found during surveillance). |
| 52 nd | TUE 7/12 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation.</p> <p>Commission presents a draft Decision to amend 2004/122/EC for the fourth time in relation to lifting the protection measures against Avian influenza for Japan, South Korea and Pakistan in relation to imports of wild birds.</p> <p>Provisions for other Asian countries would be prolonged until September 2005.</p> <p>SCFCAH agree in principle, and a formal vote on the proposal is scheduled for Jan 2005.</p> | |
| | FRI 10/12 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks reported between 2-9 December) |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|---|---|
| 53 rd | WED 15/12 | | Publication of Commission Decision 2004/851/EC ²⁶ amending CD 2004/122/EC for the third time in order to prolong the protection measures for Asia (voted in SCFCAH in September 04-see above). | |
| | FRI 17/12 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (27 outbreaks reported across 9 provinces), South Africa and Hong Kong (wild bird). |
| 54 th | MON 20/12 | | | FAO- Twenty-sixth summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia and South Africa. (Also contains info on AI strains isolated in migratory or native birds in China, Korea and Hong Kong). |
| | THU 23/12 | | Publication of Commission Decision 2004/892/EC ²⁷ amending CD 2004/614/EC to prolong the protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza in the Republic of South Africa until 31 March 2005. (Decision agreed in SCFCAH in October - see above). | |

²⁶ OJ L 368, 14.12.2004, p.48

²⁷ OJ L 375, 23.12.2004, p. 30

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | FRI 24/12 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (12 outbreaks reported across 5 provinces) and Vietnam (7 outbreaks).</p> <p>Report of LPAI case (H5N2) in Korea (Rep.of K.) during identified during a campaign of heightened surveillance).</p> |
| 56 th | FRI 7/1/ 2005 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (1) (6 outbreaks reported across 3 provinces), Thailand (2) (7 outbreaks in 2 provinces), Vietnam (8 outbreaks) and Malaysia (State of Kelantan no longer considered an HPAI-infected zone).</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 57 th | TUE- WED 11/1- 12/1 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia and South Africa.</p> <p>Committee vote on a draft Decision originally presented in SCFCAH in December 2004) to amend 2004/122/EC for the fourth time in relation to lifting the protection measures against Avian influenza for Japan and South Korea in relation to imports of wild birds. Protective measures concerning other Asian countries (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam) would be prolonged until 30 September 2005.</p> <p>Commission press release on the "Review of the avian influenza situation in Asia".</p> | |
| | FRY 14/01 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (1 outbreak), Hong Kong (1) (additional information on H5N1 virus isolated on 03/11/2004) and Hong Kong (2) (1 outbreak).</p> |
| 58 th | FRY 21/01 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (2 outbreaks in 1 province).</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 59 th | FRY 28/01 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (2 outbreaks across 2 provinces).</p> <p>FAO - Twenty-seventh summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Thailand and Vietnam, with regards also to the human cases reported in Vietnam. (Also contains info on AI strains isolated in a heron found dead in Hong Kong and in chickens in Pakistan).</p> |
| 60 th | TUE 01/02/ 2004 | | | <p>OIE – press release on a joint statement FAO/OIE on the need to direct more efforts and resources to containment of the virus in animals in rural areas in Asia.</p> <p>FAO – press release on “Bird flu control measures working in worst hit province of Viet Nam”.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | <p>WED- THU 02- 03/02</p> | <p>Meeting of the SCFCAH</p> | <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, with particular regards to the situation in Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand. In particular, attention is focused on human cases of AI: in Vietnam the number of human deaths due to AI is increasing and in Cambodia 2 cases of death are highly suspected to derive from AI.</p> <p>SCFCAH receive information on the programmes for the implementation of surveys for AI in poultry and wild birds during 2004/05 and revision of the guidelines for 2005/06.</p> <p>Committee vote on a draft Decision to amend for the second time 2004/614/EC as regards the period of application of protection measures relating to avian influenza in South Africa. Indeed, the situation regarding avian influenza in ratite flocks in South Africa is not yet clear, and, even if it appears to be under control, no detailed information have been provided by South Africa.</p> | |
| | <p>FRY 04/02</p> | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (3 outbreaks across 2 provinces).</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 61 st | FRY 11/02 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (10 outbreaks across 3 provinces).</p> <p>OIE – press release which supplies with the agenda of the “FAO/OIE Second Regional Meeting on avian influenza Control in Animals in Asia, Ho Chi Minh City, 23-25 February 2005”</p> |
| 62 nd | TUE 15/02 | | | <p>FAO - Twenty-eighth summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, with regards also to the first human case reported in Cambodia.</p> |
| | FRY 18/02 | | | <p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (4 outbreaks across 2 provinces).</p> |
| 63 rd | MON 21/02 | | | <p>OIE – press release providing information about the next “OIE-FAO International Conference on Avian Influenza”, which will be held in Paris, France on 7-8 April 2005.</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| | WED-FRI 23-25/02 | <p>“Second FAO/OIE Regional Meeting on Avian Influenza Control in Asia” Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</p> <p>In collaboration with Government of Vietnam (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) and World Health Organization.</p> | | <p>FAO – Report on the Meeting.</p> <p>OIE (25/02) – press release summarising the outcome of the “FAO/OIE Second Regional Meeting on Avian Influenza Control in Animals in Asia, Ho Chi Minh City, 23-25 February 2005”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - animal/human vaccines; - regional cooperation; - new worldwide AI Network. |
| | FRY 25/02 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (9 outbreaks across 5 provinces) and Hong Kong (additional information on H5N1 virus from a heron reported on 14/01/2005).</p> |
| 64 th | WED 02/03/ 2004 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive an update on avian influenza situation, including report on FAO/OIE meeting in Vietnam on “Avian Influenza Control in Asia” (23-25/02/2005 – see above). | |
| | FRY 04/03 | | | <p>OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Vietnam (73 outbreaks in 21 different locations) and Thailand (8 outbreaks across 4 provinces).</p> |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|--|--|
| 65 th | THU 10/03 | | Publication of Commission Decision 2005/194/EC ²⁸ amending for the fourth time Decision 2004/122/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to avian influenza in several Asian countries. (Decision agreed in SCFCAH in 11-12/01/2005 – see above). | |
| | FRY 11/03 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (3 outbreaks in 1 province) and Indonesia (1 outbreak). |
| 66 th | TUE 15/03 | | Publication of the Commission Decision 2005/210/EC ²⁹ amending for the second time Decision 2004/614/EC as regards the period of application of protection measures relating to avian influenza in South Africa. (Decision agreed in SCFCAH in 02-03/02/2005 – see above). | |
| | FRY 18/03 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (1) (correcting the 11/03 report) and Thailand (2) (1 outbreak). |

²⁸ OJ L 063, 10.03.2005, p. 25

²⁹ OJ L 068, 15.03.2005, p. 43

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| 68 th | WED 30/03 | Confirmation of an outbreak of avian influenza in North Korea. | The Commission asks North Korea for further information, informs the MSs and starts to draft a proposal for a Decision concerning certain protection measures in relation to avian influenza in North Korea (see below). | FAO – press release on “Bird flu: FAO sends experts to North Korea”. The aim of the mission was to obtain further information on the extent of the current avian influenza outbreak in the country and to offer assistance to control the bird flu virus. |
| | FRY 01/04 /2005 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Cambodia (2 outbreaks in 2 provinces). |
| 69 th | THU- FRY 07- 08/04 | “OIE-FAO International Conference on Avian Influenza” Paris, France | | OIE/FAO – press release on the formal appeal by The Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the international community for assistance in its fight against AI, according to OIE and FAO. |
| | FRY 08/04 | | | OIE- publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no outbreaks), DPR Korea (1 outbreak by a H5 virus, tests are currently under way to determine the N subtype of the virus) and Indonesia (36 outbreaks in 4 provinces). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| 70 th | TUE- WED 12- 13/04 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH receive an update on the AI situation in Asia, with particular regards to the situation in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. In particular, attention is focused on human cases of AI: in Vietnam, the number of human deaths due to AI is increasing (50 at the moment) and in Cambodia 3 deaths have been confirmed to derive from AI.</p> <p>SCFCAH agree on a Commission proposal to amend for the fifth time CD 2004/122/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to avian influenza in several Asian countries. The new proposal was drafted in order to add North Korea to the list of eight Asian countries not authorised for importation into the Community of untreated feathers and birds other than poultry. (See Commission press release of 14/04/2005).</p> | |
| | TUE 12/04 | Debate on the “Global threat of a flu epidemic” within the plenary session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg. | Speech of the Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection Markos Kyprianou within the debate. | FAO - Twenty-ninth summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, with regards also to the first human case reported in Cambodia. |
| 71 st | FRY 22/04 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (3 outbreaks in 2 provinces). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|---|---|
| 72 nd | MON 25/04 | | | FAO – press release : “The recent outbreak of avian influenza in North Korea (DPRK) has been successfully contained, urging the country to continue surveillance on the affected farms and elsewhere to ensure that no residual infection remains”. |
| | WED 27/04 | | | OIE – press release stating the availability on line of the reports of the meetings of the OIE Specialist Commissions, including the one of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (dealing also with AI). |
| | THU 28/04 | | <p>Commission press release on “Questions and Answers on Avian Influenza”.</p> <p>The Commission adopts a proposal for a new Directive on avian influenza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • press release; • proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of avian influenza; • annex to the proposal. | |
| | FRI 29/04 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 73 rd | FRI 06/05/ 2005 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks). |
| 74 th | THU 12/05 | | | FAO - Thirtieth summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes detailed reports on the situation in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, with regards also to the first human case reported in Cambodia. |
| | THU-FRI 12- 13/05 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | <p>SCFCAH receive a presentation and an update on the AI situation in Asia by the FAO CVO Joseph Domenech.</p> <p>The Commission reported that the situation regarding avian influenza in South Africa remained unclear and no detailed information had been provided by South Africa. Hence the Committee voted on a draft Decision to extend the period of application of protection measures relating to avian influenza in South Africa by amending for the third time 2004/614/EC</p> | |
| | FRI 13/05 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 75 th | FRI 20/05 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks). |
| | SAT 21/05 | | Publication of the Commission Decision 2005/390/EC ³⁰ amending for the fifth time Decision 2004/122/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to avian influenza in North Korea. (Decision agreed in SCFCAH in 12-13/04/2005 – see above). | |
| 76 th | MON 24/05 | OIE – Alert message of an outbreak of HPAI (H5N1) in P.R. China in wild birds (information sent by China to the OIE on 21 May). | | |
| | SUN-FRI 22-27/05 | 73rd Annual General Session of the International Committee of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Paris, France | | OIE – press release on the Annual General Session – A new chapter on avian influenza in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, was adopted, so as to improve transparency and control methods of the disease, protection of human health and provide greater protection for countries importing poultry and poultry products while eliminating unjustified barriers to trade. |

³⁰ OJ L 128, 21.05.2005, p. 77

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| | FRI 27/05 | OIE – further details on the outbreak in China (see above) in wild birds published in the weekly disease information bulletin. | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Indonesia (2 outbreaks in swines in 1 province) and in China (see the first column). |
| 77 th | FRI 03/06/ 2005 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks). |
| 78 th | TUE- WED 07- 08/06 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive a presentation and an update on the AI situation in Asia. | |
| | WED 08/06 | OIE – Alert message of an outbreak of HPAI (H5N1) in P.R. China in geese (information sent by China to the OIE on 8 June). | | |
| | FRI 10/06 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks), China (1 new outbreak in geese); report on the positive serological findings in South Africa during the surveillance put in place from Dec. 2004 to May 2005 in ostriches. |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| 79 th | FRI 17/06 | The OIE delegate from Pakistan declares his country free from HPAI. | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (no new outbreaks). |
| 80 th | MON 20/06 | | | FAO – Thirty-first summary report on AI epidemic. The report includes a detailed overview on the situation in China, Cambodia, Vietnam and Indonesia. Information is also provided on strains other than H5N1 and on surveillance and post-epidemic rehabilitation activities. |
| | FRI 24/06 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in China (1 new outbreak in geese and duck). |
| | SUN 26/06 | Outbreak of avian influenza (H5N2) in a poultry farm (chicken) in Japan. | | ProMED message on the outbreak in Japan (H5N2). |
| 81 th | MON 27/06 | OIE receive official information of the outbreak from Japan: LPAI H5N2 virus has been isolated. | | |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| | TUE 28/06 | Workshop of EU influenza experts held in Luxembourg by the Commission with the presence of experts from ECDC, EFSA, WHO, FAO and OIE (press release) to discuss the threats of avian and human influenza and possible responses to a pandemic. | | The topics on the workshop agenda included the role of various bodies in the fight against the disease and how to improve coordination between avian and human influenza networks. |
| | FRI 01/07/ 2005 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Vietnam (1 new outbreak), Japan (1 new outbreak LPAI), Indonesia (9 new outbreaks in 3 provinces), Thailand (no new outbreaks). |
| 82 th | MON 04/07 | "FAO/OIE/WHO consultation on avian influenza and human health: risk measures in producing, marketing and living with animals in Asia" started its three-day work in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. | | OIE / FAO – press releases on avian influenza crisis in Asia. OIE emphasises the importance of the animal health issues in order to prevent and manage the crisis. |
| | TUE 05/07 | Meeting of the SCFCAH | SCFCAH receive a presentation and an update on the AI situation in Asia. | |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | THU 07/07 | Conclusion of the three-day work in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. | | OIE / FAO – press release on the conference in Malaysia. International animal and human health experts (FAO/OIE/WHO) presented a multi-point plan designed to reduce the risk of the H5N1 avian influenza virus spreading from poultry to humans. |
| | FRI 08/07 | OIE receive official information of a new outbreak of avian influenza in Philippines. More tests on the virus strain are being conducted by the avian influenza reference laboratory in Australia. | | |
| | SAT 09/07 | OIE receive official information of a new outbreak of HPAI in Thailand. | | |
| 83th | FRI 15/07 | | | OIE – publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (5 new outbreaks in 1 province) and Philippines (1 new outbreak LPAI). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 84 th | THU 21/07 | Indonesia confirm the first human death in the country due to H5N1 avian influenza virus. | | WHO – press release on the human case in Indonesia. One 38-year-old man and his two daughters (1 and 8-year-old) died. The father is the country's first laboratory confirmed H5N1 positive human case of avian influenza, while tests are being carried out on the samples available from his daughters, who showed clinical signs compatible with H5N1 infection. |
| | FRI 22/07 | <p>Following the further tests performed by the Australian Animal Health Laboratory, the diagnosis of AI in Philippines has been invalidated. Therefore OIE declared the Philippines free of AI infection or disease.</p> <p>OIE receive information on a outbreak of an avian disease in birds of different species in Russia (Novosibirsk Region, in an area bordering Kazakhstan). The results of the laboratory diagnosis are expected for 23rd July.</p> | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (8 new outbreaks in 1 province), Philippines (invalidation of diagnosis) and Russia (suspect avian disease in Siberia). |
| | SAT 23/07 | The agent responsible for the outbreak in Russia is a H5 avian influenza virus. | | ProMED message on the outbreak in Japan (H5N2). |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|-------------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| | SUN 24/07 | OIE receive further information from Russia : the agent responsible of the outbreak is a H5 avian influenza virus. Additional tests are being performed to determine the neuraminidase type. | | |
| 85 th | TUE 26/07 | | | OIE - Update on avian influenza in animals in Asia (type H5). |
| | FRI 29/07 | | | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Thailand (4 new outbreaks in 2 provinces), Japan (updated information on the LPAI outbreak of June 2005) and Russia (information on the outbreak of last week). |
| 86 th | TUE 2/08 | Kazakhstan confirmed to the OIE an AI outbreak in geese in a farm in the village of Golubovka, Irtysh district, Pavlodar region. Outbreak is caused by an H5 virus. | | |
| | WED 3/05 | | Member States were informed by fax of the outbreak in Russia and Kazakhstan | |

| Week ² | Date | Main event | Action by the European Commission | Miscellaneous |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| | FRI 5/08 | Russia confirm to OIE that outbreak is caused by H5N1 serotype | The Commission requests Member States to take administrative measures to prohibit the imports of captive birds and untreated feathers from Russia and Kazakhstan following officially confirmed as H5N1, and to vote under Article 9 of the standing committee procedure on a draft decision amending 2004/122/EC to suspend such imports. | OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin-contains updates on the disease situation in Indonesia (results of AI surveillance in Tangerang district), Kazakhstan (updated information on recent HPAI outbreak) and Russia (information on the outbreak of last week). |
| 87th | Mon 8/08 | Mongolia confirm to the OIE that Avian Influenza has been isolated from samples taken from migratory birds | | |
| | THU 11/08 | | | OIE releases an update on AI in animals in Asia (Type H5) |