

AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) - Response to Outbreaks in Member States and third countries in 2006

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

PART II : From January 2006 (including overview of actions in 2004-2005)

Situation as of 11 May 2006

DG SANCO.D1: Animal health and zootechnics

Section A) Overview of actions in 2004-2005

Dec 2003	First cases of HPAI H5N1 seen in Asia (<u>South Korea</u>)	First cases of H5N1 since cases in Hong Kong linked to imports of birds from China in 1997. 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.
Jan 2004	H5N1 epidemic in SE Asia develops with cases reported in several Countries (<u>Vietnam, Japan, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Laos, Thailand</u>)	<u>Commission Decision 2004/122/EC</u> (adopted on 6th Feb 04) bans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• imports of eggs for human consumption and fresh meat and associated meat products from poultry, ratites, farmed and wild feather game from <u>Thailand and China</u>.• importation of birds other than poultry, pet birds accompanying their owners into the Community unprocessed feathers and unprocessed feathers from Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Pakistan, People's Republic of China including the territory of Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. (<u>Malaysia</u> added in Aug 04 by <u>CD 2004/606/EC</u>, <u>North Korea</u> added in April 05 by CD <u>2005/390/EC</u>). Subsequently prolonged (CD <u>2004/572/EC</u> until Dec 04, and CD <u>2004/851/EC</u> until Sept 05) <u>Commission Decision 2005/692/EC</u> replaced 2004/122/EC in October 05- adds <u>Mongolia</u> to list and extends period of application until 30 September 06

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)

Feb-March 04	USA and Canada confirm outbreaks of HPAI (NOT H5N1-H5N2 in US, H7N3 in Canada)	Commission Decision 2004/187/EC and Commission Decision 2004/242/EC suspends 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 and Canada respectively.
Aug 04	South Africa confirm HPAI (NOT H5N1-H5N2 virus strain) in the Eastern Cape Province.	Commission Decision 2004/594/EC suspending imports of live ratites, hatching eggs, Ratite meat and meat products and Pet birds from South Africa.
April 05	Commission adopts a proposal for a new Directive on avian influenza.	
Aug 05	Russia and Kazakhstan confirm outbreaks of H5N1 in poultry	Decision 2005/619/EC suspending imports of pet birds and feathers from Russia and Kazakhstan. Amended by CD 2005/740/EC in October 05 following further cases near Moscow. Regionalisation to allow imports of unprocessed feathers from unaffected areas in Russia and to prolong the existing measures until 31 March 2006 laid down in Decision 2005/933/EC in Dec 05.
Sept 05	Veterinary, virology and ornithology expert meeting discuss improvements to AI surveillance programmes.	CD 2005/731/EC extend the requirements for wild bird surveillance, so that wild bird, hunting and other relevant organisations will be obliged to immediately notify national competent authorities of any abnormal mortality or significant disease outbreaks occurring in wild birds. CD 2006/52/EC extends provisions for wild bird surveillance until December 06 (agreed in Jan 06)
10th Oct 05	Turkey reports cases of H5 AI (confirmed as H5N1 by CRL on 13th Oct.) THIS FIRST OUTBREAK WAS CONTAINED, BUT SEE DEC 05 ONWARDS	The Commission adopts an urgent safeguard Decision (2005/705/EC) for Turkey, suspending imports of birds and products for which Turkey is authorised (birds other than poultry and untreated feathers). CD 2005/733/EC repeals the safeguard measure (CD 2005/705/EC), and introduces a ban on imports of birds other than poultry and untreated feathers from Turkey until 30/4/06.
13th Oct 05	Commission expert team confirm presence of H5 in Romania.	Decision 2005/710/EC (agreed by SCFCAH) suspends imports of birds and products for which Romania is authorised (poultry, fresh poultry meat and other associated products, eggs and untreated feathers) until 30/4/06. Regionalisation to limit bans to affected areas under Decision 2006/23/EC in Jan 06, amended by Decision 2006/24/EC)

<p>14th Oct 05</p>	<p>Enhanced surveillance in wild birds, and increased biosecurity and protection measures for domestic poultry agreed at SCFCAH</p>	<p>SCFCAH agrees Commission Decision 2005/734/EC requiring Member States to adopt measures to prevent contact between wild and domestic species and enhance systems to detect and report of avian influenza should be in place. Subsequently amended by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD 2005/745/EC which prevents contact between wild and domestic species were possible, and enforces restrictions on keeping poultry outdoors in high risk areas, isolating water sources for poultry from wild birds and restriction on use of certain decoy birds, and • CD 2005/855/EC further revising biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of transmission of AI from wild birds to poultry and extending application of measures until 31/05/06).
<p>20th Oct 05</p>	<p>SCFCAH agree to allow preventive vaccination of zoo birds where this is considered appropriate</p>	<p>CD 2005/744/EC (published on 24/10), lays down provisions for vaccination programmes for zoo animals, including requirements to be followed if vaccinate is applied.</p>
<p>24th Oct 05</p>	<p>Croatia confirm AI virus (H5) found in samples taken from a dead swan in Croatia. (confirmed as H5N1 on 26th Oct)</p>	<p>CD 2005/749/EC introduced to safeguard measure ban imports of live birds including poultry, wild feathered game meat and unprocessed feathers from Croatia.</p> <p>(Subsequently prolonged until 30 April 06 by CD 2005/758/EC).</p> <p>(Regionalisation to limit bans to affected areas under Decision 2006/11/EC in Dec 05)</p>
<p>25th Oct 05</p>	<p>Following positive case of H5N1 in the UK quarantine station, measures introduced on captive birds and birds accompanying their owners</p>	<p>CD 2005/760/EC bans the importation of captive birds from all third countries until 30 November. (derogations apply to allow the importation of captive birds to defined bodies, institutes and centres (zoos)).</p> <p>CD 2005/759/EC strengthens import requirements for birds entering the Community when accompanied by their owners.</p> <p>(Subsequently prolonged by CD 2005/862/EC until 31 Jan 06, and CD 2006/79/EC until 31st May 06)</p>
<p>6th Dec 05</p>	<p>Suspected case of AI in Ukraine (H5N1 strain type confirmed on 14th Dec)</p>	<p>CD 2005/883/EC ban the import of unprocessed feathers from Ukraine until 31 May 2006.</p>

NOTE: More detailed information on the events and actions taken in 2005 can be found in part I of the Chronology on SANCO AI webpages

Section B) Detailed actions in 2006

Date	Main event	Action by the European Commission	Miscellaneous
<p style="text-align: center;">TUE 27/12/05</p>	<p>The Turkish authorities inform the Commission (and the OIE) of an outbreak of AI in backyard poultry in the eastern Province of Igdir,</p>		<p>The outbreak is close to the border with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran. The region is along one of the main routes used by migratory birds during their annual migration between Central Asia and Siberia, and the Middle-East and Africa.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WED 28/12/05</p>		<p>The Commission provide an emergency report to MS CVO's via fax on the AI situation in Turkey that had been provided by the Turkish competent authority.</p> <p>The Commission also informed the MS CVO's via fax that the process to adopt a draft Decision to regionalise Turkey (agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11) would be suspended. This ensures that the current version of CD 2005/733/EC remains in place and imports of poultry, birds other than poultry, poultry products and untreated feathers remain prohibited from the entire territory of Turkey.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FRI 30/12/05</p>			<p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Turkey, Romania, Ukraine and Russia.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUE 3/1/06</p>		<p>The Commission provides information to MS CVO's via fax on the AI situation in Romania provided by the Romanian competent authority.</p>	

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WED 4/1/06	Turkish NRL report that 6 human cases of H5 AI have been detected.	The Commission provides information to MS CVO's via fax in relation to 6 human cases of H5 reported by the National influenza reference laboratory in Turkey.	
THU 5/1/06	EU Community veterinary expert and member of the OFFLU scientific committee ² , together with experts from ECDC ³ and WHO ⁴ , travel to Turkey to review the situation.	<p>The Commission provides faxed copies of a Commission 'midday express' press release to MS CVO's in relation to human cases of H5 reported in Turkey.</p> <p>The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that EU is sending a Community veterinary expert to Turkey together with experts from ECDC⁵ and WHO⁶.</p>	Current situation and action taken in relation to the human cases in Turkey is summarised in Midday Express press information on 5/1.
		The Commission provides information to MS CVO's via fax on the current animal health AI situation in Turkey, including further details on the locations of the latest outbreaks in poultry.	

² OFFLU- a joint network of expertise on Avian influenza created by FAO/OIE for the benefit of Member Countries:

³ European Centre for Disease Control

⁴ World Health Organisation

⁵ European Centre for Disease Control

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			OIE ⁷ - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Romania , Ukraine and China .
SAT 7/1/06	CRL confirm that the AI virus responsible for an outbreak in eastern Turkey is a highly pathogenic H5N1 strain.	The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that the AI virus in eastern Turkey is confirmed as a high pathogenic H5N1 strain.	Commission press release issued giving details of the findings in Turkey
MON 9/1/06	Meeting of the SCFCAH	Member States support a draft Commission Decision to ban the import of untreated feathers into the EU from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Syria, Iran and Iraq. This is due to the proximity of these countries to Eastern Turkey where there is currently an outbreak of the H5N1 avian influenza virus in poultry. (CD 2006/7/EC published on 10/1)	Action taken is summarised in Midday Express press information on 9/1.
		The Commission provide latest information to MS CVO's via fax on the AI situation in Turkey.	
	Expert group meeting on avian influenza surveillance, Brussels.	Meeting with MS experts to review and consider current and future strategies for EU-wide surveillance in poultry flocks and wild birds, including surveillance to be applied in 2006.	

⁷ OIE weekly updates- publication date moves from Friday to Thursday from January 2006

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TUE 10/1/06		Publication of Commission Decision 2006/7/EC introducing a ban on import of untreated feathers from a number of third countries surrounding the eastern part of Turkey as agreed during SCFCAH on 9/1.	
	Expert group meeting on vaccination strategies that may be applied against avian influenza, Brussels.		
WED 11/1/06	Meeting of the SCFCAH	<p>MSs receive an update of the current AI situation in affected third countries, with particular focus on Turkey and Romania.</p> <p>The Committee agree the following draft Commission Decisions in relation to AI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Decision to amend 2005/731/EC in order to prolong additional surveillance requirements for wild birds until the end of 2006. CD 2006/52/EC published on 1/2/06. • A Decision to prolong and extend co-financing arrangements for national surveillance programmes for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds for the period from the start of February to the end of December 2006. The Decision provides up to €2 million in co-funding for laboratory tests carried out on poultry and wild birds during this period. 	Commission ' midday express ' press release summarises the outcome of SCFCAH discussions
	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyrianiou updates the College of the recent developments in relation to AI, with particular focus on the public and animal health situation in Turkey and the Commission's response. An information document was distributed at the College with the latest information on the avian influenza outbreaks in Turkey.	Information note supplied to the College available on AI webpages

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		Commissioner Kyprianou and Dr Bernard Vallat, Director General of the OIE, discuss the latest AI situation and current and future responses to the AI global animal health threat during bilateral discussions.	
	Adoption of Decision 2006/11/EC	Decision 2006/11/EC amending CD 2005/758/EC to limit the ban on imports to the areas of Croatia where avian influenza was isolated (Counties of Viroviticko-Podravaska and Osjecko-Baranjska) (agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11 and published on 12 Jan)	
THU 12/1	Publication of Decision 2006/11/EC	Decision 2006/11/EC amending CD 2005/758/EC to limit the ban on imports to the areas of Croatia where avian influenza was isolated (Counties of Viroviticko-Podravaska and Osjecko-Baranjska) (agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11 and adopted on 11 Jan)	
	CVO meeting (Council)	The Commission updates MS CVOs of the latest situation in relation to AI with particular focus on the public and animal health situation in Turkey and the Commission's response.	
	The Commission hosts a meeting of senior communicable disease experts to discuss AI and national pandemic preparedness, Luxembourg.	Experts review the latest avian influenza situation, including feedback from the international team of experts sent to Turkey by the Commission/OIE/FAO, ECDC and WHO to investigate the disease situation in birds and the means by which the H5N1 virus was transmitted to humans.	Meeting summarised in Midday Express press information on 12/1. Detailed conclusions from the meeting are also published.

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			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Turkey , Ukraine , Indonesia , Thailand and China .
FRI 13/1	COREPER (I)	The Commission updates national deputy permanent representatives of the latest situation in relation to AI with particular focus on the public and animal health situation in Turkey and the Commission's response.	
SAT 14/1	Publication of the new AI Directive	Publication of the new Community legislation on the control of AI. Council Directive 2005/94/EC on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC. The Directive will come into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the OJ. MS notified of the publication of the new Directive by fax on 16/1. (adopted on 20 December 05)	
SUN- SAT 15/1- 20/1	Commissioner Kyprianou visits the P.R. China.	Commissioner Kyprianou scheduled to hold a number of bilateral meetings including with representatives from China, USA, and Turkey, and attend the international pledging conference on AI in Beijing on 18th January.	Further details on the Commissioner Kyprianou's visit provided in a press release (IP/06/44 on 16/1). Commissioner Kyprianou's scheduled agenda for the visit to China is published on the Commission website. (Memo 06/10 from 13/1)
MON 16/1		The Commission provide to MS CVO's via fax a report on the current Animal health situation in Turkey.	

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TUE 17/1		<p>The Commission provide to MS CVO's via fax a report on the current AI situation in Turkey, including details the current number of confirmed outbreaks (17 in 9 provinces), suspected outbreaks (42 suspicions in 19 provinces) and location details supplied by the Turkish authorities.</p> <p>The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that the CRL have confirmed that the virus found in the Province Igdir in Turkey is very similar to the virus samples received from China (Qinghai Lake), Russia, Ukraine and Romania and has a certain similarity to several other Asian viruses.</p>	
		<p>The Commission provides information to MS CVO's via fax on outbreaks detected in Romania during the period 4 to 17 January. 2 further outbreaks have been identified in Braila county in the eastern part of the country.</p> <p>All outbreaks remained confined to the five Counties; Braila, Buzau, Calarasi, Ialomita and Tulcea and restrictions in these Counties remain in place.</p>	
		<p>The Commission reminds all MS CVO's via fax of the need to remain vigilant against the risk of introducing disease through imports of personal baggage, and requests that extra measures are applied to inform passengers and enforce controls, particularly for people returning from countries affected by AI.</p>	<p>Rules banning personal imports of meat and milk into the EU are laid down under Commission Regulation (EC) No 745/2004</p>
TUE- WED 17- 18/01/06	<p>International Ministerial Pledging Conference on Avian Influenza, China.</p>	<p>Commissioner Kyprianou attends the conference, and on behalf of the European Commission pledges support of up to €80 million to combat the spread of the virus in developing countries, particularly in Asia.</p>	<p>Commission press release (IP/06/29) summarising the Commission's action in response to the Conference.</p>

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WED 18/01	International Ministerial Pledging Conference on Avian Influenza, China.	Commissioner Kyprianou announces in his concluding speech at the International Ministerial Pledging Conference that the international Community has agreed to pledge a total of \$1.9 billion dollars to fight avian influenza and prepare for a possible human influenza pandemic.	Commission press release (IP/06/49) summarising the outcome of the Conference.
THU 19/1			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Romania , Croatia , Turkey , Ukraine , and Thailand . Also update of low path AI outbreaks in Japan , AI surveillance in Azerbaijan , and AI prevention measures in Syria .
FRI 20/01	Adoption of CD 2006/23/EC and CD 2006/24/EC relating to Romania	<p>Adoption of TWO Commission Decisions amending CD 2005/710/EC relating to Romania. Both are adopted and published in parallel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD 2006/23/EC introduces regionalisation to allow imports of fresh poultry meat and other poultry products from certain areas of Romania unaffected by AI (Agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11/05, published on 21/2/06). • CD 2006/24/EC reduces the area in Romania from which EU imports are authorised to take account of new infections defined after 2006/23/EC was agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11/05. The Decision therefore excluding parts of Romania lying south and east of the Carpathian Mountains from importing fresh poultry meat and other products to the EU. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 20/12/05, published on 21/2/06). 	

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		<p>The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that the Government of the Republic of Georgia have refuted recent reports of cases of AI in Georgia.</p> <p>The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Health confirmed that no cases of bird flu have been reported so far.</p>	
		<p>The Commission provides an update to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in Russia. On 13 January 2006, the Russian Minister of Agriculture reported that there were no longer any ongoing cases of bird flu in Russia.</p>	
<p>SAT 21/1</p>	<p>Publication of CD 2006/23/EC and CD 2006/24/EC relating to Romania</p>	<p>Publication of TWO Commission Decisions amending CD 2005/710/EC relating to Romania. Both are adopted and published in parallel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD 2006/23/EC introduces regionalisation to allow imports of fresh poultry meat and other poultry products from certain areas of Romania unaffected by AI (Agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11/05, adopted on 20/2/06). • CD 2006/24/EC reduces the area in Romania from which EU imports are authorised to take account of new infections defined after 2006/23/EC was agreed at SCFCAH on 23/11/05. The Decision therefore excluding parts of Romania lying south and east of the Carpathian Mountains from importing fresh poultry meat and other products to the EU. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 20/12/05, adopted on 20/2/06). 	
<p>MON 23/1/06</p>	<p>AGRI Council meeting, Brussels.</p>	<p>The Commission updates Ministers on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on situation in Turkey, and the measures taken by the Commission to protect EU poultry flocks.</p>	

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	ENV Council meeting, Brussels	The Commission updates Ministers on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on situation in Turkey, and the measures taken by the Commission to protect EU poultry flocks.	
	Adoption of Council Decision 2006/53/EC	COUNCIL DECISION 2006/53/EC amends Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field. This is parallel legislation introduced as part of the revised measures for control of AI under Directive 2005/94/EC. This allows the possibility for MS to receive a financial contribution from the Community for the eradication of highly pathogenic strains of AI virus. (published on 2/2)	
TUE 24/1/06	Meeting of the SCFCAH <u>(Biological Safety of the Food Chain' & 'Controls and Import Conditions' sections)</u>	<p>MSs receive an update of the current AI situation in affected third countries, with particular focus on Turkey and Romania.</p> <p>The MS supported draft decision to extend the ban on imports of captive live birds, other than poultry for commercial purposes, until 31 May 2006. The MS also supported draft decision to extend, until 31 May 06, restrictions on the movement of birds accompanying their owners (pet birds) from third countries. (CD 2006/79/EC published in 8/2)</p> <p>MS agreed a draft Decision to support further AI surveillance programmes in poultry and wild birds during 2006. In order to be eligible for financial assistance, Member States are required to submit surveillance programmes for approval to the Commission by 7 February 2006. (CD 2006/101/EC published on 16th Feb)</p>	Extension of import ban on pet birds and captive birds summarised in Midday Express press information on 24/1.
WED 25/1/06	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyrianiou updates the College on the recent developments in relation to AI, and summarises outcomes of his visit to China and Hong Kong, including the results of the international pledging conference on AI held in Beijing.	

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		<p>The Commission provides to MS CVO's via fax a comprehensive overview of the outbreaks of avian influenza in Romania up to 25 January, received from the Animal Health Department in that country. Outbreaks now seem confined to 3 Counties : Braila, Calarasi and Ialomita.</p>	
		<p>The Commission provides to MS CVO's via fax a summary of the disease situation in Turkey during the last week (18-25 January). 18 outbreaks have been confirmed in backyard poultry premises in 12 provinces in the last seven days, and there remain 81 suspect cases in 29 provinces.</p>	
<p>THU 26/1/06</p>			<p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Vietnam, Turkey, Ukraine, and Thailand. Also AI in a wild bird in Hong Kong, AI surveillance in Armenia and AI protection measures in Georgia.</p>

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<p>THU 26/1/06- FRI 27/1/06</p>	<p>Commissioner Kyprianou visits Turkey to support efforts to control AI, and presents a team of veterinary experts to provide assistance to the Turkish authorities.</p>	<p>The team of experts accompanying the Commissioner to Turkey consists of; J. Westergaard, former highly experienced Commission official (Deputy HoU in SANCO E2), R. Manvell, from the Community Reference Laboratory for AI, Weybridge, UK, and V Guberti, an expert in epidemiology and disease control from Italy.</p>	<p>Press release summarising the background to the Commissioner's visit to Turkey published on 24/1 (IP/06/69)</p>
<p>SUN 29/1/06</p>	<p>CRL confirm that sampled reported to originate from the area of northern Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of Cyprus are positive for H5N1 HPAI</p>	<p>The Commission informs CVO's by SMS network of the confirmation of the case in area of northern Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of Cyprus.</p>	<p>Commission press release provides information on the positive diagnosis of HPAI in the northern part of Cyprus</p>
<p>MON- WED 30/1/06- 1/2/06</p>		<p>EU expert mission to the northern part of Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of Cyprus to assess the situation, and liaise with representatives from the Turkish Cypriot community to determine that control strategies in place have successfully contained the outbreak.</p>	<p>Initial Assessment report from the experts on the Mission on Avian Influenza in the Northern part of Cyprus placed on SANCO webpage</p>

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MON 30/1/06		The Commission confirm to MS CVO's via fax the positive outbreak of AI in the northern part of Cyprus.	
TUE 31/1/06	Adoption of Commission Decision 2006/79/EC	CD 2006/79/EC extends the period of application of Decisions 2005/759/EC and 2005/760/EC relating to restriction on the import of captive birds and birds accompanied by their owners respectively until 31 May 2006 (agreed at SCFCAH on 24/1, published on 8th Feb).	
WED 1/2/06	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyprianou updates the College on the recent developments in relation to AI, including information on the case in the northern part of Cyprus and subsequent actions, and discussions held during the visit to Turkey between 25-27th January.	
		Publication of Commission Decision 2006/52/EC amending Decision 2005/731/EC laying down additional requirements for the surveillance of avian influenza in wild birds (agreed at SCFCAH on 11/1/06)	
		The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of the measures taken by the Republic of Cyprus to protect poultry flocks following the outbreak of AI in the area of Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of Cyprus.	
THU 2/2/06		<p>The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the latest situation in Turkey from the Turkish ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p>The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on tests conducted by the CRL indicating that samples taken from recent outbreaks in Turkey are consistent with HPAI.</p>	

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	Publication of COUNCIL DECISION 2006/53/EC	COUNCIL DECISION 2006/53/EC amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field. This is parallel legislation introduced as part of the revised measures for control of AI under Directive 2005/94/EC. This allows the possibility for MS to receive a financial contribution from the Community for the eradication of highly pathogenic strains of AI virus.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Turkey , Ukraine , and Thailand . Also AI surveillance in animals in relation to human cases in China .
FRI 3/2/06	Expert working group meeting on measures against AI, and guidance document on vaccination, Brussels.		
	Bulgarian Ministry report suspicion of the presence of H5 AI virus in a dead swan in North west Bulgaria	The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of the reported suspicion of the presence of H5 AI virus in a dead swan in Vidin, north west Bulgaria.	

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		The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of a second report received from the Republic of Cyprus on measures taken to protect poultry flocks following the outbreak of AI in the area of Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of Cyprus.	
TUE 7/2/06		Deadline for Member States to submit details of additional AI surveillance programmes in poultry and wild birds during 2006 (agreed at the SCFCAH meeting on 24/1). These must be submitted in order to be approved by the Commission and be eligible for community financial assistance.	
		Commission press briefing on current EU-funded research on pandemic and avian influenza, including information about on-going research, and positive results already achieved through EU-funded work in the area of AI.	See press memo giving details on AI funding (MEMO/06/62)
WED 8/2/06	OIE informs the Commission that H5N1 HPAI has been confirmed in poultry in Nigeria	The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of the confirmed outbreak of HPAI in a poultry farm in the state of Kaduna in northern Nigeria	
		The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the latest situation in Turkey from the Turkish ministry of Agriculture.	
	Publication of Commission Decision 2006/79/EC	CD 2006/79/EC extends the period of application of Decisions 2005/759/EC and 2005/760/EC relating to restriction on the import of captive birds and birds accompanied by their owners respectively until 31 May 2006 (agreed at SCFCAH on 24/1 and adopted on 31/1).	

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THU 9/2/06	Greece- Three wild swans found dead test positive for H5 AI virus	The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that the three wild swans found dead in the provinces of Thessaloniki and Pieria in Greece tested positive for H5 AI virus.	Commission press release (midday express) giving details of the cases in Greece, and action taken by the Commission
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Croatia , Ukraine , Iraq , Nigeria and China . Also update on AI surveillance in Iran .
FRI 10/2/06	Adoption of 2006/86/EC (Greece)	The Commission adopts an interim safeguard measure in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Greece. The Decision implements a protection and surveillance zones around the area where the infected animals were found, and places restrictions on the movement from these areas of live birds, poultry meat and other commodities that could present a risk. (Commission Decision 2006/86/EC published on 11/2).	
		The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax a report from Bulgaria reporting further suspect cases of AI in wild swans in Bulgaria.	
SAT 11/2/06	Publication of 2006/86/EC (Greece)	The Commission publishes an interim safeguard measure in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Greece. (Commission Decision 2006/86/EC adopted on 10/2).	

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	Confirmation of HPAI H5N1 in swans in Greece by the CRL in Weybridge	(9:45H) The Commission inform CVO's via SMS network that the suspected case in swans in Greece had been confirmed as HPAI H5N1	
	Confirmation of HPAI H5N1 in swans in Italy and Bulgaria	<p>(12:45H) The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax information on the confirmed cases of HPAI in Greece, Romania and Bulgaria.</p> <p>Re Italy- the finding is confirmed by OIE/FAO lab in Padua. The Italian authorities give a commitment to the European Commission to apply immediately the same precautionary measures as those set out in the Commission Decision adopted for Greece on Friday 10/2 pending the adoption of a Decision for Italy.</p> <p>Re Bulgaria- positive finding confirmed by CRL in Weybridge. Imports of live poultry and poultry products currently banned due to Newcastle disease, but Commission decision to specifically prevent imports of potential dangerous products is foreseen.</p> <p>The Commission also encloses information on Azerbaijan in a fax to MS CVO's.</p>	(14:00H)The Commission issues three separate press releases giving details of the finding in Italy (IP/06/157), Bulgaria (IP/06/156) and Greece (IP/06/155)
SUN 12/2/06	Slovenia report a case of H5 in a swan.	<p>The Commission inform CVO's via SMS network of the case in Slovenia.</p> <p>The Slovenian authorities give a commitment to the European Commission to apply immediately the same precautionary measures as those set out in the Commission Decision adopted for Greece on Friday 10/2.</p>	Commission press release giving details of the finding in Slovenia IP/06/154.

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MON 13/2/06	Adoption of CD 2006/90/EC (Italy) and CD 2006/91/EC (Slovenia)	Two Commission Decisions adopt interim safeguard measures in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Italy (CD 2006/90/EC) and Slovenia (CD 2006/91/EC). The Decisions implements protection and surveillance zones around the areas where the infected animals were found, and places restrictions on the movement from these areas of live birds, poultry meat and other commodities that could present a risk. (Published on 14 February)	
		(10:00H)The Commission confirms to MS CVO's via fax on the finding in Slovenia- samples have been sent to the CRL in the UK for further analysis.	
		(10:30H)The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the measures taken by Austria following the finding in Slovenia. This is necessary as part of the 10km surveillance zone around the case falls within Austrian territory.	
		(13:30H)The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the measures taken by Italy following the confirmation of HPAI in a swan on Saturday 11th February. The Commission also report the intention to adopt Decisions for Italy and Slovenia in the afternoon (see 14th Feb for details following publication).	
		In light of the number of positive cases of AI identified in mute swans, the Commission sends background information on the species from the Wetlands international anatidae Atlas via fax to all MS.	

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TUE 14/2/06	Publication of CD 2006/90/EC (Italy) and CD 2006/91/EC (Slovenia)	Two Commission Decisions introduce interim safeguard measures in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Italy (CD 2006/90/EC) and Slovenia (CD 2006/91/EC). (Adopted on 13 February)	
		The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax two reports on recent AI outbreaks in poultry flocks in Romania.	
		The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax a report from Bulgaria on measures taken in relation to confirmed case of HPAI, and reporting a further suspect case in a swan found near the Black sea.	
	HPAI suspected in two wild swans in Austria	(16:00H)The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the suspect cases in Austria. The Austrian authorities confirm that they will apply the same measures as adopted in relation to other affected MSs (Greece, Slovenia and Italy). Commission Decision 2006/94/EC laying interim safeguard measures in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Austria is adopted later in the day (Published on 15th February). The measures mirror those applied to Greece, Slovenia and Italy.	Commission press release giving details of the finding in Austria (IP/06/169).
		The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of further information on suspected cases of HPAI in wild birds in Greece.	

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	Further suspected cases in wild swans in Slovenia	(19:00) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of that further suspected cases of HPAI in wild birds have been reported in Slovenia.	
	HPAI confirmed in two swans in Germany	(21:00) The Commission informs MS CVO's via the SMS network of the positive finding in Germany. on the Island of Rugen in the Baltic sea	
WED 15/2/06		(08:25H) The Commission gives further information to MS CVO's via fax on H5N1 confirmed in Germany. The positive cases were in dead swans found on the Island of Rugen in the Baltic sea. Germany has introduced the measures foreseen in the Commission Decisions that are applied to other affected Member States.	Commission press release giving details of the finding in Germany (IP/06/170).
		(09:30H) The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax further information on AI from Slovenia, Austria and Bulgaria in advance of the SCFCAH meeting.	
	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyprianou updates Ministers on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in Wild birds found in several Member States, and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.	

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	<p>HPAI H5 suspected in wild birds in Hungary</p>	<p>(11:00H) The Hungarian delegation in SCFCAH report that three swans found in the south of the country are highly suspected to be infected with HPAI. Samples have been sent to the CRL in Weybridge and Hungarian authorities have introduced the measures foreseen in the Commission Decisions applied to other affected Member States.</p> <p>(12:00H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the suspect cases in Hungary.</p>	<p>Commission press release giving details of the finding in Hungary (IP/06/179).</p>
	<p>Adoption of CD 2006/104/EC (Germany) and CD 2006/105/EC (Hungary)</p>	<p>The Commission adopts interim safeguard measures in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Germany (CD 2006/104/EC) and Hungary (CD 2006/105/EC). The measures mirror those applied to Greece, Slovenia, Italy and Austria. (The Decisions are published on 16th February).</p>	
	<p>Publication of 2006/94/EC (Austria)</p>	<p>CD 2006/94/EC lays down interim safeguard measures in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic AI in wild birds in Austria (adopted on 14th February).</p>	

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<p>WED- THU 15/2- 16/2/06</p>	<p>Meeting of the SCFCAH</p>	<p>The Committee agree a number of draft Commission Decisions in relation to AI, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the approval of co-funding for national surveillance plans. (CD 2006/314/EC adopted on 16th March and published 29th April 06) a ban on imports of untreated feathers from all third countries until 31 July 2006. (CD 2006/183/EC adopted on 28th Feb and published 7th March 06) Regionalisation of Bulgaria following outbreaks of AI. (CD 2006/247/EC adopted 27th March and published 28th March 06) <p>The Committee also agree two draft Commission Decisions on measures to be taken by Member States in the case of an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 on their territory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Decision laying down protection measures in case of a suspected or confirmed case in <u>wild birds</u>. This includes the formation of a 3KM protection zone and 10KM surveillance and requirements for containment of poultry indoors, enhanced biosecurity and movement restricts in both zones. This will also repeal and replace all Decisions applying controls etc around cases of Ai in wild birds in the six MS already affected. (CD 2006/115/EC adopted on Fri17th Feb and published 18th Feb) A Decision laying down protection measures following an outbreak or suspected outbreak of in <u>domestic poultry</u>. The Decision supplements basic control requirements in the Directive by defining risk areas around the protection and surveillance zones when the disease is found in domestic flocks. The risk areas would act as a buffer between the outbreaks and the non-affected parts of the Member State. Strict movement restrictions, bio-security measures and controls will be applied in these risk areas. (CD 2006/135/EC Adopted on 22 Feb and published on 23rd Feb) <p>SCFCAH receive updates on latest situation of positive reported cases in wild birds in all the affected MSs (Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Germany and Hungary).</p> <p>MSs were updated on the reported case of H5NI found in a backyard flock located in the area of Cyprus not under the effective control of the Government of Cyprus.</p> <p>MSs also received information on latest cases of AI in neighbouring countries (Bulgaria and Romania) and other third countries territories (South East Asia, Nigeria, Middle East etc).</p>	<p>Commission press release summarising the Decisions related to the funding of Surveillance plans and the import ban on feathers (IP/06/172 released on 15th Feb).</p> <p>Commission press release summarising the Decisions to be taken by Member States in the case of an outbreak of highly pathogenic H5N1 on their territory (IP/06/180 released on 16th Feb).</p> <p>The Commission also provide a question and answer memo (MEMO/06/79) on measures in event of avian influenza in poultry in the EU.</p>

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THU 16/2	Publication of CD 2006/104/EC (Germany) and CD 2006/105/EC (Hungary)	The Commission adopts interim safeguard measures in relation to suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds in Germany (CD 2006/104/EC) and Hungary (CD 2006/105/EC). The measures mirror those applied to Greece, Slovenia, Italy and Austria. (The Decisions are adopted on 15th February).	
		(14:45) The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax further information on recent AI outbreaks in poultry flocks in Romania.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Romania and Thailand , and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Italy , Greece , Slovenia , Bulgaria , Iran and Azerbaijan .
		(18:30H)The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax a document on AI vaccines issued by EMEA's ⁸ Committee for Medicinal Products for veterinary use.	
FRI 17/2/06	Egypt- HPAI confirmed in seven chickens.		

⁸ EMEA- European Medicines Agency

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		(8:50H) The Commission report via fax to MS CVO's that a further 9 swans and 1 goose have been confirmed as positive for H5N1 on the German Island of Ruegen.	
		(15:00) The Commission transmits to MS CVO's via fax information from Greece confirming a further 3 wild swans have been confirmed positive in the territory. the swans were found in the Prefectures of Rodopi and Chalkidiki.	
	Adoption of CD 2006/115/EC	(16:00) CD 2006/115/EC on protection measures to be used following the positive finding of H5N1 in wild birds adopted has been published in the OJ. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 16th Feb and published on 18th Feb)	
	France- H5N1 confirmed in a wild Duck.	(17:00H)The Commission inform MS CVO's via fax of the positive case of HPAI H5 in the department Ain (close to Lyon). All measures foreseen by the Decision 2006/115/EC (voted yesterday and adopted by the Commission at 16h00) are being implemented. (18:20H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a report on the case fund in France.	Commission press release summarising the finding in France (IP/06/185)
		(17:30)The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the latest situation in Turkey from the Turkish ministry of Agriculture.	

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		(18:00H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that a new code for avian influenza in wild birds has been introduced into the ADNS ⁹ and invites MS to use this code when notifying cases of AI in wild birds. The new code will be introduced in the appropriate legislation in due time.	
		(18:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Hungary.	
SAT 18/2/06	Publication of CD 2006/115/EC (wild birds)	The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that Commission Decision 2006/115/EC on protection measures to be used following the positive finding of H5N1 in wild birds has been published in the OJ. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 16th Feb and adopted on 17th Feb)	
	India- First cases of H5N1 in poultry, found in the west of the Country.		
SUN 19/2/06	Additional wild birds continue to be found positive for H5N1 in Germany on the Island of Rugen in the Baltic sea.	The Commission informs MS CVO's via the SMS network of the further positive findings in Germany. on the Island of Rugen in the Baltic sea.	

⁹ ADNS- Animal Disease Notification System

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MON 20/2/06	AGRI Council meeting, Brussels.	The Commission updates Ministers on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in Wild birds found in several Member States, and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission. Fr and NL ministers confirm that they will present a programme of preventative vaccination.	
	Agriculture Committee-Euro parliament.	Commissioner Kyprianou updates MEPs on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in Wild birds found in several Member States, and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.	
	Bosnia and Herzegovina notify an outbreak of avian influenza in wild swans.	(15:00H) The Commission informs the MS CVO's via fax on the finding in Bosnia and Herzegovina.	
		(19:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Romania	
TUE 21/2/06	Slovak Republic- Suspicion of Avian influenza virus in wild birds	(10:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's information on the two suspected cases; 1 Duck in the region of Bratislava, and 1 falcon in the region of Gabcikovo. Slovak authorities report that the measures foreseen in Decision 2006/115/EC have been implemented	Commission press release summarising the finding in Slovakia (IP/06/195)
		(13:00H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a report on the latest situation in France, including the measures taken.	

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		(14:00H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in relation to wild birds in Hungary.	
		(14:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Greece in wild birds from the Greek Ministry.	
	Meeting of the SCFCAH	<p>SCFCAH receive updates on latest situation of positive reported cases in wild birds in all the affected MSs (Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Hungary and the Slovak Republic).</p> <p>France and the Netherlands present draft plans for preventive vaccination programmes in poultry as a precautionary measure against highly pathogenic avian influenza.</p>	
		(18:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in wild birds in Slovenia	

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WED 22/2	Meeting of the SCFCAH <u>(Biological Safety of the Food Chain & 'Controls and Import Conditions' sections)</u>	<p>MS agree to two Commission proposals that allow France and the Netherlands to carry out targeted preventive vaccination campaigns on poultry as a precautionary measure against highly pathogenic avian influenza.</p> <p>France will vaccinate approximately 900 000 ducks and geese which can not easily be put indoors and separated from wild birds in the departments of Landes, Loire-Atlantique and Vendée. Vaccination will begin on immediately, and will be carried out until 1 April 2006. (CD 2006/148/EC approving the French plan was adopted on 24 Feb and published on 25 Feb)</p> <p>The Netherlands plan applies to hobby poultry and to free-range laying hens throughout the whole country. The vaccination will be provided on a voluntary basis, as an alternative to the requirement that these birds be kept indoors. (CD 2006/147/EC approving the Dutch plan was adopted on 24 Feb and published on 25 Feb)</p> <p>In both cases, additional biosecurity and movements restrictions will apply to flocks where vaccination has taken place</p>	<p>Commission press release summarises the plans that have been approved in France and the Netherlands (IP/06/210).</p> <p>The Commission also provide a question and answer memo (MEMO/06/92) on vaccinating poultry and other birds against Avian Influenza</p>
	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	<p>Commissioner Kyprianou updates the college on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States, and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.</p>	
	Adoption of CD 2006/135/EC (domestic poultry)	<p>CD 2006/135/EC lays down protection measures following an outbreak or suspected outbreak of in <u>domestic poultry</u>. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 16th Feb and published on 23rd Feb)</p>	
		<p>(17:15H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a summary report from the Romania authorities on the situation in Romania- active cases now limited to Tulcea and Constanta county and in Dolj county in the southern part the Country- limited to backyard flocks. A positive case also identified in a pigeon in Mereni. Control measures are in place.</p>	

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		(19:15H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a report from Austria on the situation in wild birds in Austria	
THU 23/2	Publication of CD 2006/135/EC	CD 2006/135/EC lays down protection measures following an outbreak or suspected outbreak of in <u>domestic poultry</u> . (Agreed at SCFCAH on 16th Feb and adopted on 22nd Feb)	
		(9:00H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a information received from Germany on measures taken to implement CD 115/2006/EC in relation to HPAI in wild birds. Protection and surveillance zones have been established around Mecklenburg-Pommerania following cases in the area.	
		(9:00H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's summary information from the Greek Ministry on cases of H5 identified in wild birds- A total of 8 wild swans have been found in the following prefectures; Pieria (3), Thessaloniki (2), Pella (1) and Chalkidiki (2).	
		(13:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a summary of the census of poultry in the surveillance and protections zones established around each of the two positive cases in wild birds in Slovak Republic.	
	Suspected case of HPAI in Domestic Poultry farm (turkeys) near Lyon, France	(14:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax of the suspected case in France, which is located in the protection zone established around the positive case in a wild duck in accordance with CD 2006/115/EC.	

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		(17:00H) The Commission requests MS CVOs via fax that, in light of the recent evolution of the avian influenza situation in several Member States and in third countries, all MS remain particularly vigilant and strengthen the biosecurity measures in poultry farms in the framework of Commission Decision 2005/734/EC.	
		(18:00H) The Commission provides further information via fax to MS CVO's on the suspected case in France- the affected farm is within the 3 Km protection zone established after the finding of the first infected duck in department of Ain. All birds in the farm are being killed as a precautionary measure. France has reported that all measures laid down in Commission Decisions 2006/115/EC and 2006/135/EC are being implemented.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin- contains an update on the disease situation in Romania , Turkey , Russia , Nigeria , Egypt , India , Ukraine , Vietnam (H5N1) and Zimbabwe (H5N2), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Italy , Greece , Slovenia , Austria , Germany , France , Croatia , Bosnia and Herzegovina and Russia .
FRI 24/2	Adoption of CD 2006/148/EC	CD 2006/148/EC approves the French vaccination plan in the departments of Landes, Loire-Atlantique and Vendée. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 22/2 and published on 25/2)	

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	Adoption of CD 2006/147/EC	CD 2006/148/EC approves the Dutch vaccination plan for hobby poultry and to free-range laying hens throughout the whole country. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 22/2 and published on 25/2)	
		(08:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that initial laboratory tests by the French authorities have indicated the presence of Avian Influenza virus H5. All turkeys in the farm have already been killed.	
		(11:00H) The Commission provides additional information to MS CVOs via fax on AI situation in France received from the French authorities.	
		(12:00H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a report from German authorities confirming that a suspect case in a small domestic poultry flock on the Island of Ruegen is negative for H5 HPAI.	
	Meeting of Ministers of Health, Vienna	Commissioner Kyriakou and Commission officials brief EU health ministers on the current animal health situation on AI in the context of discussions on mechanisms to prevent outbreaks of AI in the Community to protect public health. Long term strategies in regard to surveillance and biosecurity in birds were highlighted	
SAT 25/2	Publication of CD 2006/148/EC	CD 2006/148/EC approves the French vaccination plan in the departments of Landes, Loire-Atlantique and Vendée. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 22/2 and adopted on 24/2)	

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	Publication of CD 2006/147/EC	CD 2006/148/EC approves the Dutch vaccination plan for hobby poultry and to free-range laying hens throughout the whole country. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 22/2 and adopted on 24/2)	
SUN 26/2	Switzerland- Case of H5 confirmed in wild duck	The Commission informs MS CVO's via the SMS network of the positive findings in Switzerland. The duck was found near Geneva.	
MON 27/2		(12:45H)The Commission sent to MS CVO's via fax a press release issued by Switzerland confirming the case identified in a wild duck.	
		(14:00H) The Commission inform MS's CVO's via fax that a suspected case of AI in a wild duck in Meurthe-et-Moselle (in the north east of France) is NEGATIVE	
		(16:30H) The Commission info MS CVO's via fax of two further positive cases of H5 in wild ducks; 2 ducks found in the in district Ostholstein, Federal State Schleswig-Holstein and one duck in district Bodenseekreis, Federal State Baden Wurttemberg. (16:45H)A further fax also reported suspected cases in the commune schwedt/oder, district Uckermark in the federal state of Brandenburg	
		(19:30H) The Commission sends MS's CVO's via fax the OIE notification of a further case in a poultry flock in Tulcea, and summary of total cases in poultry and wild birds.	

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MON-TUE 27/2-28/2	OIE Meeting on highly pathogenic avian influenza in Europe (Paris, France).	The Commission opens the meeting of the emergency meeting of the regional commission of the OIE for Europe, with OIE, FAO and OFFLU.	The OIE issued a press release summarising the event and published recommendations from the meeting
TUE 28/2	Adoption of CD 2006/183/EC	CD 2006/183/EC prolongs and extends existing ban on imports of untreated feathers to all third countries until 31 July 2006. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 15th/16th Feb and published 7th March 06)	
		(10:30H) The Commission sends MS's CVO's via fax Information and ministerial decrees from France on the implementation of Commission Decisions 2006/115/EC (protection measures relating to wild birds), 2006/148/EC (vaccination against H5N1 and related provisions for movements in France) and 2005/744/EC (vaccination policy in zoo animals)	
		(11:30H) The Commission sends MS's CVO's via fax an update on AI situation in Russia received from the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia.	
	Sweden- Case of HPAI H5 confirmed in wild ducks	(12:00H) The Commission initially informs MS CVO's via the SMS network of the positive findings in Sweden. The duck was found near Oskarhamn on the south east coast of Sweden. (12:30H)The Commission send a copy of the press release issued on the case in Sweden to all MS CVO's via fax.	Commission press release summarising the finding in Sweden (IP/06/243)

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		(12:30H) The Commission sends MS's CVO's via fax information on measures taken in Switzerland, including the implementation of protection and surveillance zones in canton Geneva, and protection and surveillance zones relating to a case in the Federal State Baden Wurtemberg, Germany (zones reach into the territory of Switzerland).	
		(12:30H) The Commission urges all Member States to remain vigilant and stresses the importance of imposing strong biosecurity measures and raising awareness of the disease risk to poultry producers and maintaining strong import checks on passengers.	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends MS's CVO's via fax information on measures taken by Poland as a result of AI outbreaks in Vierraden and Flemsdorf (Germany).	
		(17:30H) The Commission info MS CVO's via fax of a further positive cases of H5 in a wild swan in Hungary, close to Budapest.	
		(18:00H) The Commission info MS CVO's via fax of the suspicious case of H5 in a small poultry flock in the canton of Fribourg in Switzerland.	
	Germany- H5N1 confirmed in a cat	(18:15H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that H5N1 has been confirmed in a cat found on the Baltic Sea island of Ruegen (Germany).	

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		(18:40H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Romania	
WED 1/3/06	Meeting of the SCFCAH	<p>MS receive information from the MS on current outbreaks of AI in wild birds.</p> <p>MS also agree the following draft Commission Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision applying restrictions to imports from Switzerland following AI case in wild birds (CD 2006/265/EC adopted on 31 March and published on 4 April). • Decision revising the regionalisation applied to Croatia to limit imports from an area around Split where AI was identified in a wild duck. (CD 2006/256/EC adopted on 27 March and published on 30 March). • Decision to amend Decision 2006/135/EC to include a list of communes in France where protection, surveillance and buffer zones are established around the positive case in domestic poultry in the <i>departement</i> of Ain. (CD 2006/175/EC adopted on 2 Feb and published on 3 Feb.) <p>The Committee also reviewed the case of HPAI in a cat in Germany and issued a statement</p>	Commission press release summarises the conclusion of the SCFCAH meeting (midday express- 2/3/06), which includes the SCFCAH statement on the case of H5N1 in a cat. (MEMO/06/104)
	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyprianou updates Ministers on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States and the positive case in a turkey farm in France, and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.	
		(12:30H) The Commission informs MS via fax of a second positive case in wild birds in Switzerland (a swan found on lake Constance in the north of the country). The fax also informs MSs that he AI suspicion in the poultry flock in the Swiss canton of Fribourg is NEGATIVE.	

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		(14:30H) The Commission inform MS via fax on information received from the German SCFCAH delegation confirming two cases of H5N1 in wild birds in Bavaria (1 wild duck in Bad Tolz, 1 swan in Landsberg am Lech).	
		(16:00H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax on the latest report sent to the OIE on the situation in Turkey from the Turkish ministry of Agriculture.	
		(17:00H) The Commission provides information to MS CVOs via fax on AI situation in Slovak republic received from the Slovak SCFCAH delegates.	
		(17:15H) The Commission provides information to MS CVOs via fax on AI situation in Slovenia republic received from the Slovenian SCFCAH delegates.	
		(18:00H) The Commission provides information to MS CVOs via fax on AI situation in France received from the French SCFCAH delegates, including cases in wild birds, and biosecurity measures in place for the case in domestic poultry and identified cases in wild birds..	
WED-SAT 1/3/06-4/03/06	Commissioner Kyprianou visits Nigeria	Commissioner Kyprianou visits Nigeria to discuss the current AI situation following recent cases of HPAI in the country	Commission press release summarises the agenda for the visit (Midday express (2/6/06)

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THU 2/3/06	Working group meeting on vaccination against AI, Brussels		
	Adoption of CD 2006/175/EC	CD 2006/175/EC amends Decision 2006/135/EC to include a list of communes in France where protection, surveillance and buffer zones are established around the positive case in domestic poultry in the <i>department</i> of Ain (agreed at SCFCAH on 1 Feb and published on 3 Feb).	
		(9:40H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Romania. Outbreaks have been reported in backyard poultry in the following counties in the south and south east of Romania since outbreaks were first detected in late 2005; Tulea (8), Braila (9 + 1 suspicion), Buzau (3), Calarasi (3 + 1 suspicion), Constanta (6 + 3 suspicion), Dolj (1), Ialomita (5). 11 outbreaks also confirmed in wild birds.	
		(10:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on additional AI cases in wild birds in Slovenia.	
		(14:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on additional AI cases in wild birds in Greece: wild birds swans found positive in xerolimni lake (2), Fanari village in Rodopi (1) and the Evros delta (1). Protection and surveillance zones have been established	

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		(14:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on additional AI cases in wild birds in Hungary: a further 17 wild birds found positive for H5 in 6 locations, including in existing protection zones. Protection and surveillance zones have been established.	
		(16:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's a copy of recommendations made at the OIE meeting on HPAI in Europe (see 27th-28th Feb)	
		(17:00H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in wild birds in Germany. As of 2/3, a total of 138 cases have been identified in Germany (Bavaria (4), Baden-Wurttemberg (4) Brandenburg (2), Mecklenburg-western pomerania (125, of which 115 on island of Rugen), Schleswig-Holstein (3). Protection and surveillance zones have been established.	
	Serbia and Montenegro – First case of HPAI H5-confirmed in wild swan	(17:00H) The Commission distribute by fax information received from Serbia of a positive case of H5 in a swan on the municipality of Sombor.	

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			<p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease situation in France, Romania, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Niger, India and Malaysia (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, France, Croatia, Switzerland and Iran</p>
<p>FRI 3/3/06</p>	<p>Publication of CD 2006/175/EC</p>	<p>CD 2006/175/EC amends Decision 2006/135/EC to include a list of communes in France where protection, surveillance and buffer zones are established around the positive case in domestic poultry in the <i>departement</i> of Ain (agreed at SCFCAH on 1 Feb and adopted on 2 Feb).</p>	
		<p>(11:15H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on the disease situation in Egypt from the Egyptian Delegation of the European Commission.</p>	
		<p>(11:15H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of a further positive cases of AI in wild birds in Switzerland in areas of Lake Geneva and Canton Schaffhausen. All cases were within existing protection and surveillance zones.</p>	
		<p>(16:40H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Romania. 41 Outbreaks have been reported in backyard poultry since outbreaks were first detected in late 2005. 12 wild birds have also tested positive for AI.</p>	

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		(18:30H) The Commission inform MS CVO's via fax that a further three samples taken from swans were positive for H5 AI. The samples originate in an existing protection zone around the first Hungarian cases in Bacs-Kiskun County.	
SUN 5/6/06	Poland: first case of H5 - confirmed in wild swan	(11:00H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via the SMS network of the positive findings in Poland. The swan was found near the city of Torun. Protection and surveillance zones put in place in accordance with CD 2006/115/EC.	
		(14:30H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via the SMS network of a positive case of H5N1 in a wild swan in department of Bouches du Rhone in the south of France. Protection and surveillance zones put in place in accordance with CD 2006/115/EC.	
MON 6/3/06		(08:00H) The Commission gives further details to MS CVO's via fax about the positive case in wild birds (2 swans) in Poland, including maps of the location in Torun city	Commission press release summarising the finding in Poland (IP/06/266)
			DG SANCO give an overview presentation on the animal health situation to press officials dealing with health areas (Also available on SANCO website).
		(09:00H) The Commission gives further details to MS CVO's via fax about the situation in France, including information on the positive case of H5N1 in a wild swan in departement of Bouches du Rhone and protection zones set up in French territory following positive findings of H5 in wild birds just over the border in Switzerland (lake Geneva).	

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		(12:30H) The Commission inform MS CVO's via fax that samples taken from swans in three areas of Greece. (Pythio Evros, Orestiada and the village of agios georgios Imathia) were confirmed by the NRL as positive for H5 AI.	
	Albania and Georgia: first cases of H5.	(12:45H) The Commission inform MS CVO's via fax that the CRL in UK have confirmed that samples taken from a wild swan in Georgia were positive for H5. In addition; the CRL have also informed that samples received from Albania were also positive for H5 AI.	
		(13:00H) The Commission updates MS CVO's via fax of the latest AI situation in wild birds in Switzerland. A total of nine positive cases have been found. Maps showing the location of the cases, and the associated protection and surveillance zones were also sent.	
		(16:00H) The Commission inform MS CVO's via fax of a further positive case of H5 in a wild bird in Romania (Casla Lake, Tulcea district). A total of 13 wild birds have now tested positive for AI in Romania.	
		(18:30H) The Commission inform MS CVO's via fax of a press release issued by Austria in relation to the findings of AI in cats.	
TUE 7/3/06	Publication of CD 2006/183/EC	CD 2006/183/EC amends 2006/7/EC to extend the ban on imports of untreated feathers from all third countries until 31 July 2006 (agreed at SCFCAH on 15th/16th Feb and adopted on 28th Feb).	

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		(14:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on the AI situation in wild birds in Hungary: a further 2 wild swans have tested positive for H5 within an existing protection zone in the area of Csatalja.	
		(14:45H) The Commission provides further information to MS CVOs via fax following the initial confirmation of AI on 6/3. A report from the CRL confirm H5N1 was isolated from chicken samples from Albania.	
		(17:40H) The Commission updates MS CVO's via fax on the latest AI situation in wild birds in Switzerland. A further three AI cases in wild birds have been found (near the village Steckborn, canton Thurgau; near the village Diessenhofen, canton Thurgau and near the village Langwiesen, canton Zürich). Maps showing the location of the cases, and the associated protection and surveillance zones were also sent.	
		(17:40H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the cases of H5 in Austrian cats that was presented at SCFCAH during the day.	
		(17:45H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in wild birds in Germany presented at SCFCAH.	

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<p>TUE- WED 7/3/06- 8/3/06</p>	<p>Meeting of the SCFCAH</p>	<p>MS receive extensive information from the MS on current cases of AI in wild birds, and measures taken in each case. MS received an update on the case of AI in domestic birds in France. MS were also updated on the vaccination plans being undertaken in France and the Netherlands.</p> <p>The Committee also issued a statement on racing pigeons</p>	
<p>WED 8/3/06</p>	<p>Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels</p>	<p>Commissioner Kyprianou updates the Commission on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission. The Commissioner also provided information on his recent trip to Nigeria</p>	
		<p>(10:00H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in wild birds in Hungary presented at SCFCAH.</p>	
		<p>(10:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in wild birds in Sweden presented at SCFCAH, including information on a further two cases in of H5 in Oxelosund and Karlskrona on the east coast. A map showing the location of all three cases of AI in wild birds in Sweden is also enclosed.</p>	
		<p>(10:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in wild birds in Slovenia presented at SCFCAH. A total of 24 wild birds have been found to be infected with H5 in three areas. Maps showing the protection and surveillance zones were also sent.</p>	

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		(10:40H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in wild birds in Italy presented at SCFCAH. A total of 19 wild birds have confirmed positive for H5N1: Calabria (2), Puglia (6), Sicilia (10), Umbria (1).	
		(10:50H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the current AI situation in wild birds in France presented at SCFCAH. A total of 25 wild birds have confirmed positive for H5N1: 24 in departement of Ain and 1 in Departement of Bouches du Rhone. IN addition, part of the protection zone following a case in Switzerland also falls in French territory. IN addition the fax also contains information on the French vaccination plan: vaccination of 700,000 free range ducks and geese in high risk areas in the department of Landes is underway.	
		(11:00H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the case of AI in wild birds in Poland presented at SCFCAH. (08:00H). Details were given on the positive case in wild birds (2 swans) in Torun city.	
		(17:00H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVO's via fax on the latest AI situation case in Turkey submitted by the Turkish authorities to the OIE. Between 1-7th March 5 outbreaks of AI have been recorded in backyard flocks in four provinces (Istanbul, Sinop, Diyarbakir, Izmir).	
		(17:20H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Romania. 3 further outbreaks in poultry have been reported. A total of 44 outbreaks have now occurred in backyard poultry since outbreaks were first detected in late 2005. 19 wild birds have also tested positive for AI.	

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		(17:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on the disease situation in Russia from the Russian Delegation of the European Commission.	
		(17:50H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that a further two cases of AI have been found in wild birds in Serbia and Montenegro. Maps showing the locations of the cases were also sent.	
		(17:50H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the NRL in Greece have confirmed H5 AI in two wild swans: one in Epanomi (Thessaloniki), and one in the Heraklitsa (Kavala). Protection and surveillance measures have been put in place.	
		(17:55H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the NRL in Hungary have confirmed H5 AI in 8 further samples from swans in the protection area in Nagybaracska. Total number of H5 positive birds is now 38 (7 of which have been confirmed positive as H5N1 by the CRL).	
		(17:55H) The Commission updates MS CVOs via fax on measures taken by Polish authorities following positive identification of case in a wild bird in Torun. The Polish authorities have also confirmed that the cases has now been confirmed as H5N1.	
		(17:55H) The Commission updates MS CVOs via fax on the location of the eight protection and surveillance zones currently in place in Austria.	

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THU 9/3/06	CVO meeting, Brussels	The Commission updates CVO's on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States and the protection measures taken.	
		(11:15H) The Commission updates MS CVOs via fax on the current situation in Serbia; H5 has been confirmed in three wild birds in two different locations: (Sombor, Vojvodina and Ljubovija, Central Serbia). 3km surveillance zones have been established around each location, and surveillance is ongoing.	
		(11:45H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that Albania has reported to the OIE the outbreak in chickens in the village of Cuke in Vlore State.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease situation in Romania , Turkey , Albania , Nigeria , Pakistan , Egypt and Malaysia (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Italy , Slovenia , Poland , France and Serbia and Montenegro
FRI 10/3		(09:30H) The Commission faxes a summary to MS CVOs on the situation in Austria provided by the Austrian authorities: Protection and surveillance zones have been established in four provinces following wild bird cases in the territory, and a further three protection zones are also established following cases in neighbouring countries (Germany, Slovenia and Slovak republic)	

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		(09:35H) The Commission faxes a copy of Decision 2006/183/EC to MS CVOs. The Decision extends the ban on imports of untreated feathers from all third countries until 31 July 2006 (agreed at SCFCAH on 15th/16th Feb, adopted on 28th Feb and published on 7th March)	
		(09:50H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax that a further three cats and a stone marten have been confirmed as H5N1 positive on the island of Ruegen (Germany).	
		(10:50H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that a further two cases of AI in wild birds have been confirmed in Sweden. Two tufted ducks have been found positive on the island of Gotland. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC are in place.	
		(14:00H) The Commission provides information to MS CVO's via fax on the latest results of wild bird surveillance in Switzerland received from the Swiss authorities. Currently a total of 10 wild birds have been confirmed as positive.	
SAT-TUE 11/3-14/3	Commissioner Kyprianou visits Egypt	Commissioner Kyprianou visits Egypt to discuss the current AI situation following recent cases of HPAI in the country.	Commission press release summarises the agenda for the visit (Midday express (9/6/06))
MON 13/3		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVO's via fax notification of a further case of Ai in wild birds in Switzerland. An infected wild duck was fund in the City of Schaffhausen.	

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		(18:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the NRL in Hungary have confirmed H5 AI in 7 further samples from swans: Nagybaracska (3), Dunafoldvar (Danube bank) (1), Mohacs (Danube bank) (1) and Szalatnak (1). Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been established. Total number of H5 positive birds is now 45 (7 of which have been confirmed positive as H5N1 by the CRL).	
		(18:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the NRL in Greece have confirmed H5 AI in a further one wild swan in Epanomi (Thessaloniki). Protection and surveillance measures in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been put in place.	
TUE 14/3	Commission College weekly meeting, Strasbourg	Commissioner Kyprianou updates the Commission on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission. The Commissioner also provided information on his recent trip to Egypt.	
		(14:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that a further eight cases of H5N1 have been reported in wild birds in France in the Dombes region. The affected birds were: Brant goose(1) common buzzard (1) and swan(6).	
		(14:30H) The Commission distribute via fax to MS CVO's the latest report on the situation in Romania. 2 further outbreaks in poultry have been reported. A total of 46 outbreaks have now occurred in backyard poultry since outbreaks were first detected in late 2005.	

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		(15:10H) The Commission updates MS CVOs via fax on the latest situation in Polish authorities, including reports of Two further cases of AI in wild birds; a swan in the town of Kostrzyn in Lubuskie region, and a duck from Swinouuscie in Zachodnio-Pomorskie region. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2005/115/EC have been established.	
WED 15/3	Denmark: first case of H5 - confirmed in wild buzzard	(11:00) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the first case of avian influenza HPAI H5 was found in Denmark. The affected bird, a common buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>) found dead close to a nature reserve in an area called Svinø Strand in southern Zealand.	Commission press release confirming the first case of AI in wild birds in Denmark (IP/06/317).
		(12:45H) The Commission updates MS CVOs via fax on the current situation in Serbia; H5 has previously been confirmed AI in wild birds in two different locations: (Sombor, and Ljubovija, Central Serbia). A further seven infected wild birds have been confirmed as AI positive at the site of the first case in Sombor.	
		(14:30) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of number of affected wild birds in the four affected areas in Sweden; Oskarshamn (23 ducks), Oxelosund (5 ducks, 1 buzzard and 1 owl), Karlskrona (1 duck), and Gotland (2 ducks). Surveillance and protection measures in place were also summarised.	
		(19:30) The Commission sends MS CVOs via fax maps showing the protection and surveillance zones around the wild bird case in Denmark.	
THU 16/3	Adoption of CD 2006/314/EC Re: MSs AI surveillance plans	Adoption of CD 2006/314/EC approving the surveillance programmes for AI surveillance in poultry and wild birds in 2006 (agreed a SCFCAH on 16 February and published on 29 April)	

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		(14:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the Serbian authorities have confirmed to the EU and the OIE the first case of H5 AI in a backyard poultry flock. The infected bird was identified as part of enhanced surveillance associated with cases in wild birds.	
		(14:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a press release from the Netherlands confirming that flock owners can apply to vaccinate their poultry on a voluntary basis from 16th March, in accordance with Commission Decision 148/2006/EC.	
		(14:30) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax on the latest AI situation in wild birds in Sweden. A second case of AI in wild birds has been found on the Island of Gotland. H5 have been confirmed in five tufted ducks on the north of the Island. Protection and surveillance measures in accordance with 2005/115/EC have been implemented. There are now 5 areas in Sweden with measures in place due to cases in wild birds.	
		(14:45) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the AI strain isolated from a wild bird (buzzard) found in southern Zealand, Denmark is subtype H5N1. The fax also includes revised maps showing the protection and surveillance zones that have been established around the case in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
		(18:45) The Commission updates MS CVOs via fax on the surveillance measures taken by the Slovak republic authorities in the two protection and surveillance zones established following earlier cases in wild birds within the territory.	

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		(18:45H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax the latest weekly report sent by the Turkish Authorities to the OIE.	
		(19:00H) The Commission sends MS CVOs via fax updated information from the Austrian authorities on the protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC following cases of AI in wild birds, and surveillance undertaken in these zones and other areas in Austria. The report also gives updated information on H5N1 cases in cats in Austria.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Romania , Serbia and Montenegro , Ukraine , Albania , Cameroon , Nigeria , India , and Myanmar (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Germany , Poland , France , Denmark , Switzerland , Croatia and Serbia and Montenegro
FRI 17/3	Israel- First suspected case of H5	(10:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the Israeli authorities have reported a suspect case of H5 in a poultry farm in HaDarom region.	

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		(10:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on the latest situation in Serbia from the Serbian authorities.	
		(16:00H) – The Commission provides further information to MS CVOs via fax on the situation in Israel and the Commission response, including the safeguard measure to be adopted and a press release.	Commission press release on case in Israel and Commission action to restrict imports of Israeli poultry and poultry products (IP/06/329)
	Sweden-Confirmed case of HPAI H5(duck) on a game bird breeding farm near Oskarshamn,	The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax (16:30H) and SMS network (17:00H) that the Swedish authorities have reported H5 AI on a farm within the 10 Km surveillance zone established under CD 2006/115/EC after the finding of the positive wild bird. All birds in the farm are killed as a precautionary measure and protection and surveillance zones around the farm established in conformity with 2006/135/EC.	Commission press release on AI outbreak in breeding farm in Sweden (IP/06/330)
	Adoption of CD 2006/227/EC – safeguard measures re: Israel.	(17:00H) The Commission adopts CD 2006/227/EC laying down certain interim protection measures in relation to a suspicion of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel (published on 18th March)	
		(17:30H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on the latest situation in Slovenia. A total of 25 wild birds have been confirmed as HPAI positive – most were in the protection zone established near Maribor on the Drava river. Measures in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in force.	

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		(19:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that a second case of H5 has been confirmed in wild birds in Denmark; a positive finding of H5 in 9 ducks found dead on a small island just south of Funen. Protection and surveillance zones have been established in accordance with 2006/115/EC	
SAT 18/3/06	Publication of CD 2006/227/EC- safeguard measures re: Israel.	(17:00H) The Commission adopts CD 2006/227/EC laying down certain interim protection measures in relation to a suspicion of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Israel (published on 18th March)	
MON 20/3/06		(08:00H) The Commission sends MS CVOs via fax information from Denmark confirming that a third case of HPAI has been found in wild birds in Denmark. The case was found in Roskilde Fjord near the town Frederikssund approximately 40 km west of Copenhagen. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been implemented.	
		(09:00H) The Commission sends MS CVOs via fax information from Poland confirming a further cases of HPAI in wild birds in Bydgoszcz and Kostrzyn. Both are close to earlier cases, and surveillance and protection zones have been expanded to take account of these more recent cases in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
	AGRI Council meeting, Brussels.	The Commissioner updates Ministers on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States, and the protection measures taken by the MS and the Commission.	
		(11:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax updated information on AI situation in Turkey received from the Turkish authorities.	

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		(11:25H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax the report sent to the OIE on the AI situation in Israel from the Israeli authorities.	
		(11:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a update on the latest situation in wild birds in Switzerland, including updated maps showing location of cases, and associated protection and surveillance zones.	
		(12:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update of the AI outbreak on a game bird breeding farm in Sweden; All birds on the farm were killed on 17th-18th March. In addition to protection and surveillance zones, zones A and B will also be fully established around the site of the outbreak in accordance with 2006/135/EC during the day.	
		(12:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of the latest situation in wild birds Sweden; infected wild birds have been reported in five areas in Sweden; Oskarshamn, Oxelosund, Karlskrona and two separate locations in Gotland. Surveillance and protection measures in place were also summarised.	
		(15:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax further information from Denmark on the third case of HPAI in wild birds in Denmark, received from the Danish authorities. The AI virus was found in a whooper swan (<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>) in Roskilde Fjord near the town Frederikssund approximately 40 km west of Copenhagen.	
		(15:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information on AI situation in Romania received from the Romanian authorities. A further three AI outbreaks were reported in wild birds and one outbreak in poultry. In total, Romanian authorities have reported 16 outbreaks in wild birds and 47 outbreaks in poultry.	

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		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from the Swedish authorities confirming that two wild swans have been found positive for H5 HPAI in Stockholm. Protection and surveillance measures in accordance with CD 2006/115/EC have been implemented.	
		(17:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a copy of Commission Decision 2006/227/EC approving temporary safeguard measures for Israel due to a suspicion to H5N1 published on Saturday.	
TUE 21/3/06	Agriculture Committee-Euro parliament.	Commissioner Kyprianou updates MEPs on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States, and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.	
		(11:20H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that H5N1 has been confirmed in a wild bird (<i>Grebe- podiceps cristatus</i>) in Divonne les Bains, France. The case was within an existing surveillance zone laid down following an earlier case in wild birds, and the surveillance and protection zones have been extending in line with CD 2006/115/EC	
		(14:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a map indicating the protection and surveillance zones and the areas A and B established by the Swedish authorities following the detection of AI in a game farm in Oskarshamn, in south-eastern Sweden, in application of Commission Decision 2005/135/EC.	
		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a latest update on the AI situation in wild birds in Austria. Surveillance zones associated with wild birds cases in Slovak and Germany remain in place, but the zone following a case in Slovenia has been removed after the restrictions were lifted. Protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain following cases of AI in wild birds within the territory.	

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WED 22/3/06	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyprianou updates the Commission on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.	
		(16:00H) The Commission confirm to MS CVOs via fax that a fourth case of AI in wild birds has been found in Denmark. HPAI was confirmed in a duck near the town of Præstø in the south-eastern part of the island Zealand. Protection and surveillance zones have been established in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update of the latest situation in Romania: AI has been reported in two backyard flocks in Constanta and Ialomita county. There have now been a total of 51 outbreaks in Romania in backyard flocks.	
		(18:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the measures taken in Bulgaria following cases of AI in wild birds, including provisions for protection and surveillance zones, and general biosecurity measures in place throughout the Country.	
		(18:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from Hungary confirming H5 AI has been found in 10 samples from wild swans in existing protection zones in Nagybaracska (9) and Szazhalombatta (1).	

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<p>WED- THU 22/3- 23/3</p>	<p>Meeting of the SCFCAH</p>	<p>SCFCAH delegates received updates of the latest AI situation in wild birds in each of the 11 affected MS. They also reviewed actions taken in France and Sweden following the cases in domestic poultry. The Committee agreed the following Commission proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amend CD 2006/135/EC to list the protection, surveillance and buffer zones around the affected farm in Sweden. The zones cover the entire Kalmar Län area where a case of H5 avian influenza was detected in a mallard (duck) on 17 March. The measures in these zones will remain in place until 24 April 2006, subject to review. <p>(CD 2006/251/EC adopted on 28/3 and published on 29/3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A slight adjustment to the date when measures in the surveillance zone in the Dombes region in France must be applied, due to the progress made in bringing the avian influenza situation under control there. • a ban on imports of live poultry, poultry meat, eggs and poultry products from Israel. Heat-treated poultry products from Israel will still be allowed to be imported, as will meat and meat products from poultry slaughtered before 15 February 2006 (considered to be outside the incubation period of the virus). A Decision was already taken last week following confirmed outbreaks, and further suspected outbreaks, of highly pathogenic H5N1 in Israeli turkey farms. <p>(CD 2006/266/EC adopted on 31 March and published on 4 April).</p>	<p>Commission press release summarises the SCFCAH meeting (IP/06/370)</p>
<p>THU 23/3</p>		<p>(15:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the situation in Germany provided by the German delegation in SCFCAH. There are currently 203 wild birds tested positive for HPAI; in Baden Wurttemberg (4), Bavaria (26), Brandenburg (2), Meckleburg Western Pomerania (164 of which 146 on island of Rugen, Lower Saxony (1) and Schleswig-Holstein (6). Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place.</p>	

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		<p>(15:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the situation in Denmark provided by the Danish delegation in SCFCAH. There are currently 5 cases of HPAI in wild birds; in Svinø, Ærø (2), Roskilde Fjord and Prætø. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place in the affected areas. Denmark also gave information on the current registration programme for backyard flocks.</p>	
		<p>(15:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the situation in Sweden provided by the Swedish delegation in SCFCAH. A total of 35 wild birds infected with H5 HPAI have been found in five areas; Oskarshamn, Oxelösund, Karlskrona (2 cases), Gotland (2 cases) and Stockholm. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place in these areas. A game farm in the surveillance zone in Oskarshamn was found to be positive on 17 March. All birds euthanized, and disinfection and cleaning on the holding has been carried out.</p>	
		<p>(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the situation in Greece provided by the Greek delegation in SCFCAH. A total of 24 wild birds have been found to be infected with H5 HPAI. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place.</p>	
		<p>(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the situation in France provided by the French delegation in SCFCAH. A total of 54 wild birds have been found to be infected with H5 HPAI in two areas in the <i>Departement</i> of Ain, and in the Carmargue area in <i>Departement</i> Bouches du Rhone (1 case). Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place. 21 days have elapsed since the case in domestic poultry was first reported in Ain, and hence measures around the affected farm have been adapted.</p> <p>France also informed that ~375,000 birds that can not be confined (mainly ducks) have been vaccinated in department of Landes in accordance with CD 147/2006/EC.</p>	

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		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of the vaccination campaign being undertaken in the Netherlands provided by the Dutch delegation in SCFCAH. To date, 99 backyard flocks and one commercial free-range flock have applied for vaccination. 626 vets in 199 practises are also registered to carry out vaccination.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax details of the latest situation in Israel as notified to the OIE, and a copy of the draft Commission Decision agreed in SCFCAH laying certain protection measures in relation to HPAI in Israel.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a copy of the draft Commission Decision agreed in SCFCAH amending CD 2006/135/EC in regard to areas A and B around the outbreak of HPAI in domestic poultry in France and Sweden.	
		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated map showing the current protection and surveillance zones in relation to wild bird cases in Switzerland provided by the Swiss authorities, and confirms five further H5 HPAI wild birds in existing protection and surveillance zones in Cantons Zurich (3) and Thurgovy (2).	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Sweden , Turkey , Romania , Israel , Afghanistan and Myanmar (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Sweden , Poland , Hong Kong , Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kazakhstan

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FRI 24/3		(09:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update of the latest situation in Romania: AI has been reported in a backyard flock in Ilfov county. There have now been a total of 51 outbreaks in Romania in backyard flocks.	
		(09:45H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of the revised surveillance and biosecurity measures to be applied in Spain as reported by the Spain delegation in SCFCAH. Information on wild bird migration in Spain was also provided.	
		(11:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax reports from CRL confirming samples taken from birds in Serbia, Georgia and Pakistan are all H5N1 HPAI.	
		(12:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax the weekly OIE report of the situation in Turkey provided by the Turkish Authorities. From 17-23 March, 32 outbreaks were reported in non-commercial poultry, and 9 cases in wild birds.	
	Withdrawal of AI measures in Slovakia following no cases in wild birds since 20th Feb	(12:20H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a letter from the Slovak Republic confirming that since no further AI cases have been reported since 20th Feb, the surveillance and restriction zones in Bratislava, District Senec and District Dunajska Streda have been lifted.	
		(16:45H) The Commission confirms to MS CVOs via fax that a further wild bird (Peregrine Falcon) was found positive for HPAI in Denmark in an existing surveillance zone set up in accordance with 2006/115/EC. The bird was found on the small island Drejø, south of Funen.	

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		(16:45H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report sent to the OIE and the Commission by Albania. A further 2 outbreaks were reported in poultry farms in the Country.	
	Jordan - First suspected case of H5	(18:00H) The OIE confirm that a suspect case of H5 has been found in poultry in Jordan.	
MON 27/3	Commission working group on AI surveillance and diagnostics, Brussels		
	Adoption of CD 2006/247/EC re: regionalise for imports from Bulgaria	Commission Decision to regionalise Bulgaria to limit imports of live poultry, wild feather game meat etc from affected areas following outbreaks of AI in wild birds. (CD 2006/247/EC was agreed at SCFCAH on 16th Feb and published 28th March 06).	
	Adoption of CD 2006/256/EC re: regionalise for imports from Croatia	Commission Decision revising the regionalisation applied to Croatia to limit imports from an area around Split (region Splitsko-Dalmatinska) where AI was identified in a wild duck. (CD 2006/256/EC agreed at SCFCAH on 1 March and published on 30 March).	
	Czech Republic - First suspected case of H5 in wild birds	(12:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from the Czech Republic reporting a case of AI in a wild swan on the river Moldau in the Southern Bohemian region. Protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC	Commission issue a press release giving further details of the case in the Czech Republic (IP/06/384)

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		(14:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a latest update on the AI situation in wild birds in Austria. Surveillance zones associated with wild birds cases in Slovak and Germany remain in place. Protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain following cases of AI in wild birds within the territory.	
		(15:00H) The Commission provides updated information to MS CVOs via fax on the latest situation in Slovenia. A total of 33 wild birds have been confirmed as HPAI positive, including a further 8 swans reported on 22 March in existing protection zones – 6 protection zones remain in place in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the situation in wild birds in France. A total of 54 wild birds have been found to be infected with H5 HPAI in two areas in the <i>Departement</i> of Ain, including a border area with Switzerland and in the Carmargue area in <i>Departement</i> Bouches du Rhone (1 case). Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place.	
	Withdrawal of AI measures related to outbreak in turkey farm in Dombes region in France.	Favourable investigations allow withdrawal of AI measures related to outbreak in turkey farm in Dombes region in France reported on 23 Feb. However restrictions continue to apply in the area as a result of cases in wild birds in the area in accordance with 2005/115/EC.	
		(17:45H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax confirmation of a further two cases of AI in wild birds in Sweden. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been established around the two sites in the County of Blekinge on the south-east coast of Sweden. A wild mink collected from the same area was also tested positive for H5 HPAI.	

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		(18:10H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax confirmation of a further four cases of AI in wild birds in Denmark (Fåborg on Funen Island, Nysten on Lolland island, Stubbekøbing on Falster island and Skibby near Roskilde Fjord). All cases are either within or close to existing protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC. Where necessary, the zones have been extended to take account of the new cases.	
TUE 28/3	Adoption of CD 2006/251/EC establishing areas A and B in Fr and Sv	(11:00H) The Commission adopts CD 2006/251/EC establishing areas A and B in Fr and Sv (agreed at SCFCAH on 23/3, and published on 29/3)	
	Publication of CD 2006/247/EC re: regionalise Bulgaria	Commission Decision to regionalise Bulgaria to limit imports of live poultry, wild feather game meat etc from affected areas following outbreaks of AI in wild birds. (CD 2006/247/EC was agreed at SCFCAH on 16th Feb and adopted on 27th March 06)	
		(15:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information on the AI situation in wild birds in Switzerland. The Swiss authorities have confirmed (via two separate communications on 27 and 28 March) a further 4 wild birds as positive for H5 HPAI in existing protection and surveillance zones in Cantons schaffhausen (3) and Thurgovy (1). A total of 30 wild birds have now been identified as H5 positive in Switzerland.	
WED 29/3	Commission College weekly meeting, Brussels	Commissioner Kyprianou updates the Commission on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the positive cases in wild birds found in several Member States and the protection measures taken by the MS and Commission.	

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	Publication of CD 2006/251/EC establishing areas A and B in Fr and Sv	Publication of CD 2006/251/EC establishing areas A and B in Fr and Sv (agreed at SCFCAH on 23/3, and adopted on 28/3) (16:00H) Copies of the Decision sent to MS CVO's via fax	
		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax confirmation of an additional case of AI in a wild bird in Denmark (Sønderborg on South Jutland County). Protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
		(17:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information about a further case of AI in one wild bird in the city Schaffhausen, canton Schaffhausen, Switzerland. Current protection and surveillance zones remain unchanged. The protection and surveillance zones in the canton Geneva, which were established after the case (AI-02) of Avian Influenza in a wild bird on 25.02.2006 have been lifted from the Swiss side. However, these zones remain in place due to two cases of Avian Influenza in wild birds in France (Pays de Gex).	
THU 30/3	Publication of CD 2006/256/EC re: regionalise for imports from Croatia	Commission Decision revising the regionalisation applied to Croatia to limit imports from an area around Split (region Splitsko-Dalmatinska) where AI was identified in a wild duck. (CD 2006/256/EC agreed at SCFCAH on 1 March and adopted on 30 March).	
		(14:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a paper from the Albanian veterinary research institute on an outbreak of HPAI in Cuke Village in Albania reported on 20th March.	

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		(14:10H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax the final report from the French authorities relating to the case of HPAI in a turkey farm in Ain <i>Departement</i> reported on 23rd Feb. This report gives details of the investigations subsequently carried which enabled the restrictions related to the case to be removed on 27 March.	
		(14:10H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax the latest information on AI cases in wild birds in France. A further four cases of AI have been identified in wild birds within existing surveillance and protection zones in Ain <i>Departement</i> .	
		(15:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax further information from the Czech Republic on the first reporting case of AI in wild bird, and reporting that a second wild bird in the city of Ceske Budejovice in the same region is also suspected AI positive. Protection and surveillance zones are established in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
		(15:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax confirmation of an additional case of AI in a wild bird in Sweden. Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been established around the site on the northwest part of the Island of Gotland.	

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			<p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in France (final report), Turkey, Romania , Israel, Albania, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Jordan and Malaysia (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Germany, Denmark, Greece, Czech Republic and Georgia.</p>
<p>FRI 31/3</p>		<p>(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of the latest situation in Turkey. During the week beginning 23 March, 3 outbreaks of HPAI have been recorded in backyard flocks in three provinces; Kisehir (1), Sinop (1) and Yozgat (1).</p>	
		<p>(12:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an summary of the cases of wild birds in Switzerland, and a map showing all protection and surveillance zones associated with the 31 birds found positive in the Country.</p>	
		<p>(16:00H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax of a further case of Ai in a wild bird in Denmark. The bird (A buzzard) was found in South Jutland near the city of Sønderborg. Surveillance and protection zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been established, and the German authorities have been informed that a small area of the 10km surveillance zone falls within Germany territory.</p>	

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	Adoption of CD 2006/265/EC regarding protection measures for Switzerland	Following the identification of HPAI H5 in wild birds in Switzerland, Commission Decision 2006/265 suspends imports of live poultry, poultry meat and poultry products from those part of Swiss territory which the Swiss authorities have applied measures equivalent to those in CD 2006/115/EC and 2006/135/EC. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 1 March and published on 4 April). Applicable until 31 May.	
	Adoption of CD 2006/266/EC Re: Israel	CD 2006/266/EC replaces initial safeguard Decision (CD2006/227/EC) and limits imports of live poultry, poultry meat, eggs and poultry products from Israel following cases of H5N1 in Israeli turkey farms. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 23 March and published on 4 April). Applicable until 31 July.	
		(19:00H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax about two further cases of AI in wild birds in Denmark (Skælskør, west Zealand (1), and Vang on Bornholm(1). The fax also contains a summary of the latest situation in Denmark; up to 31 March, there have been a total of 27 cases in 6 administrative districts.	
SAT 1/4/06		(11:30H) The Commission informs MS CVO's via fax about further investigations on the case of H5 HPAI identified in a duck on a game bird holding in Sweden. No samples from swabs taken from any euthanized birds from the farm were positive for H5 AI virus, and the N subtype has not yet been characterised.	
MON 3/4	Burkina Faso- First case of H5N1 HPAI	(18:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the NRL in Hungary have confirmed H5 AI in 5 further samples from swans in the protection area in Nagybaracska (4) and Davod (1). Total number of H5 positive wild birds is now 64. Control measures in certain parts of the territory where no further cases have been seen have also been lifted. Burkina Faso report to OIE that HPAI H5N1 has been detected in Guinea fowl.	

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TUE 4/4/06	Publication of CD 2006/265/EC regarding protection measures for Switzerland	Commission Decision 2006/265/EC suspends imports of live poultry, poultry meat and poultry products from those part of Swiss territory which the Swiss authorities have applied measures equivalent to those in CD 2006/115/EC and 2006/135/EC. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 1 March and adopted on 31 March). Applicable until 31 May.	
	Publication of CD 2006/266/EC Re: Israel	CD 2006/266/EC replaces initial safeguard Decision (CD2006/227/EC) and limits imports of live poultry, poultry meat, eggs and poultry products from Israel following cases of H5N1 in Israeli turkey farms. (Agreed at SCFCAH on 23 March and adopted on 31 March). Applicable until 31 July.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax details of the latest situation in Israel as notified to the OIE; 2 further cases have been reported in commercial holdings. Israel also report that zoo birds and a commercial flock of breeding ostriches have been vaccinated.	

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<p>TUE 4/4- WED 5/4</p>	<p>Meeting of the SCFCAH</p>	<p>SCFCAH delegates received updates of the latest AI situation in wild birds in each of the affected MS. They also reviewed actions taken in France and Sweden following the cases in domestic poultry. The Committee agreed the following Commission proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amend CD 2006/135/EC to list the protection, surveillance and buffer zones around the affected farm in Germany. The zones include municipalities in Muldentalkreis, Kreis Torgau-Oschatz and Kreis Döbeln. The measures in these zones will remain in place until 8 May 2006, subject to review. <p>(CD 2006/293/EC adopted on 13/4 and published on 20/4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a draft Commission Decision to bring the rules on vaccinating zoo birds into line with the new Avian Influenza Directive including the requirement that MS should submit a vaccination plan for zoo birds to the Commission. The decision will replace Decision 2005/74/EC of last October. • proposal to extend the import restrictions already in place for poultry and poultry products from Romania, Turkey and parts of Croatia, from 30 April 2006 to 31 July 2006, subject to review. The import bans are being prolonged due to new cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza detected in these three countries since the first outbreaks were reported. <p>(CD 2006/321/EC adopted on 28 April and published on 3 May)</p>	<p>Commission issue a press release summarising discussions in SCFCAH (IP/06/465 released on 6/4)</p>

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<p>WED 5/4/06</p>	<p>Germany- Confirmed case of HPAI on a domestic poultry holding in Lower Saxony, Germany.</p>	<p>(12:00H) German authorities confirm the presence of H5N1 HPAI in domestic poultry in a large mixed commercial flock of approx 10,000 birds (chickens, geese and turkeys). All birds in the farm are killed as a precautionary measure and protection and surveillance zones around the farm established in conformity with 2006/135/EC. (19:10H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a copy of the draft decision agreed in SCFCAH establishing areas A and B around the case in Germany, in accordance with 2006/135/EC. the fax also includes a short report on the case and action taken, including maps of the location of the outbreak and the established protection and surveillance zones.</p>	<p>Commission issue a press release giving details of the case in Germany and action taken (IP/06/454)</p>
		<p>(10:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on all cases in wild birds in Sweden. 5 counties have reported cases so far (Södermanland, Blekinge, Kalmar, Gotland and Stockholm).</p>	
		<p>(12:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a map showing all protection and surveillance zone in Switzerland, and reporting a slight change to the protection zone as a result of amendment to location of a case notified on 31 March in Canton Thurgau.</p>	
		<p>(17:00H) The Commission fax to MS CVO's copies of Decision 2006/265/EC relating to protection measures for Switzerland (adopted on 31 March and published on 4 April).</p>	

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	UK- First suspected case of H5 in wild birds	<p>(19:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via SMS network preliminary information from the UK reporting a case of H5 HPAI in a wild swan in Fife, Scotland. Surveillance and protection zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been established.</p> <p>(20:25H) The Commission also sends information to MS CVOs via fax about the case in the UK</p>	Commission issue a press release giving details of the case in UK (IP/06/466 released on 6/4)
THU 6/4		(16:35H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the AI case in a wild bird in Scotland has been confirmed as N1 positive, thus confirming HPAI H5N1.	
		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax specific details on three additional reported cases in wild birds in Sweden (1 in Södermanland county and 2 in Blekinge county) sent to MS on 5/4, and maps summarising all protection and surveillance zones in Sweden.	
		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on the situation in wild birds in Poland presented at SCFCAH (a total of 61 H5 HPAI wild birds have been found in five regions; torunski, swinoujski, gorzowski, bydgoski and grudziadzki).	
		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on the situation in wild birds in Denmark presented at SCFCAH. Information was also given on Danish surveillance measures and on progress to register backyard poultry flocks.	
		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on the situation in wild birds in Slovenia presented at SCFCAH. Up to 3 March a total of 34 wild birds have tested positive for HPAI. Surveillance zones remain in place and protection zones focused on extended area in Koblerjev zaliv and Maribor.	

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		<p>(18:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on the situation in wild birds in Germany presented at SCFCAH. Up to 3 March a total of 236 wild birds have tested positive for HPAI; in Baden Wurttemberg (6), Bavaria (39), Brandenburg (4), Meckleburg Western Pomerania (178 of which 149 on island of Rugen, Lower Saxony (1) and Schleswig-Holstein (8). Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place.</p>	
		<p>(18:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax two updates on the AI situation in wild birds in Austria from 27th and 30th March. Cases have been reported in 5 Federal Provinces (Styria, Vienna, Lower Austria, Vorarlberg and Upper Austria) Protection and surveillance zones established in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain following cases of AI in wild birds within the territory. Surveillance zones associated with wild birds cases in Slovak and Germany also remain in place.</p>	
		<p>(18:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of a presentation made by Spain at SCFCAH on 5 April on AI surveillance undertaken in Donana National park from October 2005 to March 06.</p>	
			<p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Turkey, Jordan, Thailand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Israel and Burkina Faso (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in Germany, France, Denmark, Poland, Slovenia and Switzerland.</p>

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THU 6/4- FRI 7/4	CVO meeting, Brussels	The Commission updates CVO's on the latest AI situation, with particular focus on the cases in domestic birds in Germany, and wild bird cases found in several Member States and the protection measures taken.	
FRI 7/4	Adoption of CD 2006/277/EC Re: AI in wild birds	Adoption of 2006/277/EC amending Decision 2006/115/EC to clarify and correct certain aspects relating to restrictions to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones around cases of HPAI identified in wild birds in the Community (agreed at SCFCAH and published on 12 April)	
		(9:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on situation on the HPAI positive poultry holding in Saxony, Germany. including background to the case, measures taken on the holding and epidemiological investigations carried out. Maps of protection and surveillance zones that have been established around the holding were also included.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short summary of the cases of AI identified in wild birds in Switzerland.	
		(17:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax reporting a further suspected case of AI in a wild swan in the South Bohemian region of the Czech Republic. Protection and surveillance zones have been established in accordance with 2006/115/EC.	
		(18:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a slightly updated version of the report sent earlier in the day on the situation relating to the positive poultry holding in Saxony, Germany.	

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		(18:40H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the AI situation in wild birds in Denmark. There are currently 38 cases of HPAI in wild birds in 6 administrative divisions (Frederiksborg (3), Vestsjælland (1), Storstrøm (7), Bornholm (1), Fyn (24) and Søndererjylland (2)). Maps showing Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC were also included.	
MON 10/4		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short summary report of follow-up action taken by the UK authorities following identification of AI a wild bird in Scotland	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the AI situation in wild birds in Denmark, including a chronology of the 38 cases reported up to 7th April.	
TUE 11/4	Meeting of the SCFCAH	SCFCAH delegates received updates of the latest AI situation in wild birds in the Community. They also review cases in domestic poultry and actions taken, including the recent case in domestic birds in Germany.	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report presented by the UK in SCFCAH summarising the HPAI case found in a wild swan in Scotland, action taken in the area, and broader surveillance and investigations on AI throughout the UK.	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report presented by Germany in SCFCAH giving further details on the HPAI case found in a domestic poultry farm in Saxony, and subsequent action taken in the vicinity of the case, and epidemiological enquiries and tracing undertaken.	

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		(16:35H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report presented by Sweden in SCFCAH giving details on the latest AI situation in wild birds.	
		(16:40H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that a sixth case of H5 HPAI has been reported in wild bird in Croatia. The bird was detected in Zagreb, which is outside the areas that are currently restricted for import under CD 2005/758/EC. Hence a safeguard measure will be taken preventing introduction of poultry etc from the newly affected region.	
WED 12/4/06	Publication of CD 2006/277/EC Re: AI in wild birds	<p>Publication of 2006/277/EC amending Decision 2006/115/EC to clarify and correct certain aspects relating to restrictions to be applied in the protection and surveillance zones around cases of HPAI identified in wild birds in the Community (agreed at SCFCAH and adopted on 7 April)</p> <p>(15:00H) The Commission send copies of the published Decision to MS CVOs via fax.</p>	
	Adoption of CD 2006/293/EC establishing areas A and B in Germany	<p>Adoption of CD 2006/293/EC amending CD 2006/135/EC to include areas A and B around the outbreak of AI on a farm in Saxony, Germany (agreed at SCFCAH on 5/4, and published on 20/4).</p> <p>(17:30H) The Commission send copies of the adopted text to MS CVOs via fax, and informing them that this is now community law, and should be applied.</p>	
		(15:30H) The Commission send to MS CVOs via fax a detailed map of the zones and administrative units relating to outbreak of AI in a poultry farm in Saxony in Germany.	

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		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an updated summary of the AI situation in wild birds in Denmark. A further two swans have been found in two locations (Præstø and Skibby) taking the total number of affected birds to 40. Maps showing all the protection and surveillance zones in place in Denmark, including around the new cases were also enclosed.	
THU 13/4/06		(12:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an overview of the current situation in Switzerland in relation to wild birds, and a map showing protection and surveillance zone in canton Geneva following the removal of the zones in some areas around Lake Geneva.	
		(18:20H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an update on situation in Germany, including measures taken and epidemiological investigations carried out in relation to the outbreak in a poultry holding in Saxony. No further cases have been recording and culling of all poultry on the farm and the protection zone is complete.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Germany , Turkey , Palestinian Autonomous Territories , and Azerbaijan (H5N1), and summary reports of AI findings in wild birds in UK , Poland , Czech Republic , Germany , Denmark , Croatia and Switzerland .

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WED 19/4/06		(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short summary of the situation in Romania. On 14th April, no new cases in backyard flocks have been reported in the previous 2 weeks, but there remains 6 active cases. A total of 53 outbreaks have been recorded during the epidemic.	
		(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a weekly update of the situation in Turkey from the Turkish authorities. 2 further outbreaks have been recorded in backyard flocks during the week in Provinces kars and Yozgat. A total of 53 outbreaks have been recorded during the epidemic.	
		(11:10H) The Commission highlights to MS CVOs via fax the statement on migratory birds published by the Animal health and welfare panel of EFSA on 12th April.	See EFSA statement on migratory birds
THU 20/4/06	Meeting of the SCFCAH	SCFCAH delegates received updates of the latest AI situation in wild birds in the Community. They also review cases in domestic poultry and actions taken.	
	Publication of CD 2006/293/EC establishing areas A and B in Germany	CD 2006/293/EC amends CD 2006/135/EC to include areas A and B around the outbreak of AI on a farm in Saxony, Germany (agreed at SCFCAH on 5/4, and adopted on 13/4).	

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			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Turkey , Jordan and Cambodia (H5N1), and summary reports of AI in wild birds in Poland and corrected information from the UK .
FRI 21/4/06		(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on current state of play in regard to the vaccination programme in France presented by the French delegation in SCFCAH on 20/4. Approximately 489,000 ducks and geese have been vaccinated on farms in Departements Loire-Atlantique and Landes in accordance with the plan approved under CD 2006/148/EC.	
		(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on the AI situation in wild birds and poultry in Germany presented by the German delegation in SCFCAH on 20/4. Report on ongoing epidemiological investigations were given in relation to the case of H5 on the domestic poultry farm in Lower Saxony. At 19/4, a total of 313 wild birds have tested positive for HPAI; in Berlin (1), Baden Wurttemberg (19), Bavaria (60), Brandenburg (17), Meckleburg Western Pomerania (194 of which majority on island of Rugen, Lower Saxony (2) and Schleswig-Holstein (20). Protection and surveillance zones in accordance with 2006/115/EC remain in place.	
		(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a weekly update of the situation in Turkey sent to the OIE from the Turkish authorities. No new outbreaks were reported between 14 and 20th April, and 30 outbreaks in 8 provinces were closed.	

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		(11:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short summary of the situation in Romania. On 20th April, no new cases in backyard flocks have been reported. Only 1 case remains active. A total of 53 outbreaks have been recorded during the epidemic.	
		(12:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a chorological report in relation to cats in quarantine premises IN Austria presented by the Austrian delegation at SCFCAH on 20/4.	
		(15:50H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on the latest situation in wild birds in Switzerland from the Swiss authorities. 32 birds have tested positive for 5H AI. No positive cases have been reported in the previous week, although earlier samples were confirmed as H5NI straintype by the CRL.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on the situation in wild birds in France up to 13th April.	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a letter from the UK confirming DNA analysis of the positive case of a wild bird in Scotland was in a Whopper swan, and stressing the importance of correct species identification in wild bird surveillance.	
MON 24/4/06		(14:30H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the protection and Surveillance zones relating to the positive case in a wild bird in Divonne les bains have been lifted, and therefore no cases in France that require zones to be maintained ion Swiss territory.	

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TUE 25/4/06		(15:20H) The Commission highlights to MS CVOs via fax about the need to remain vigilant and to ensure that biosecurity is maintained against AI. MSs were also requested to maximise caution in relation to high risk areas identified in accordance with CD 2005/734/EC.	
		(15:30H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the Swiss have also lifted the protection and Surveillance zones relating to the positive case in a wild bird in Divonne les bains following the positive report from France.	
THU 27/4/06	UK report a <u>H7</u> AI strain in a domestic poultry farm	(10:00H) The Commission informs MS CVOs via fax that the UK have reported that AI subtype H7 have been isolated from a broiler breeding flock in Norfolk. Preliminary tests for H5 are negative.	
		(12:10:H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from Sweden confirming a further case of AI in wild birds has been found in the county of Stockholm. Protection and surveillance measures in accordance with 2006/115/EC have been established. Sweden has also confirmed that the remaining restrictions regarding the game holding in Klamar have been lifted.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to Member State CVO's via fax a report on the latest AI situation in Romania- No new cases have been reported, and all previous outbreaks are currently considered to be closed.	
		(16:10H) The Commission informs Member State CVO's via fax that a further three cases of AI have been reported in wild birds in the la Dombes area of the departement of Ain, France. Restrictions remain in place in this area.	

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			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Turkey , Ivory Coast , Myanmar and Indonesia (H5N1), and reports of AI in wild birds in Poland , Switzerland and China , and lifting of restrictions in the UK .
FRI 28/4/06	Adoption of CD 2006/321/EC Re: import restrictions from Romania Croatia and Turkey	Adoption of CD 2006/321/EC extending import restrictions applied to Romania (CD2005/710/EC), Croatia (CD2005/749/EC) and Turkey (CD2005/733/EC) until 31/7/06. (agreed at SCFCAH on 4 April and published on 3 May)	
		(11:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short overview report from the Romanian authorities. The last active outbreak of AI in a backyard flock was closed on 21st April. Since the epidemic began on 7 October, a total of 53 outbreaks have been reported. In addition several species of wild birds have also been identified as positive for AI.	
		(15:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short report on latest AI situation in wild birds in Switzerland from the Swiss authorities. All samples taken over the past week were negative. The Swiss also report that they will remove restrictions in certain cantons (Schaffhausen, Zurich, Thurgovy, St Gallen and Appenzell) where no further cases of AI have been reported, and will also remove the temporary prohibition which prevented keeping free-range poultry and other birds outdoors.	

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		(15:50H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short report on latest AI situation in wild birds in Poland. A total of 63 birds have been found positive in five regions. However many protection and surveillance zones have now been removed as no further cases were detected. Last case was seen on 12 April. The report will be also presented by Poland at SCFCAH on 3rd May.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short report on latest AI situation in wild birds in Denmark. No cases have been seen since 10th April, and four protections and surveillance zones have now been removed.	
		<p>(20:50H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short press release issued by the Health protection agency in the UK confirming that a poultry worker from the farm in Norfolk affected by H7 strain has contracted conjunctivitis caused by H7 AI.</p> <p>The fax also contains a press release from the UK (Defra) confirming that the virus isolated from the Norfolk farm was an H7N3 low pathogenic strain of AI.</p>	<p>UK Health protection agency press release on the case of conjunctivitis in a poultry worker.</p> <p>Defra press release confirming that the AI case in Norfolk was caused by an H7N3 low pathogenic strain.</p>
<p>SAT 29/04/06</p>	<p>Publication of CD 2006/314/EC Re: MSs AI surveillance plans</p>	<p>Publication of 2006/314/EC approving the surveillance programmes for AI surveillance in poultry and wild birds in 2006 (agreed a SCFCAH on 16 February and adopted on 16 March)</p>	

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WED 3/5/06	Publication of CD 2006/321/EC Re: import restrictions from Romania Croatia and Turkey	Publication of CD 2006/321/EC extending import restrictions applied to Romania (CD2005/710/EC), Croatia (CD2005/749/EC) and Turkey (CD2005/733/EC) until 31/7/06. (agreed at SCFCAH on 4 April and adopted on 28 April)	
		(12:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax confirming that a case of H5 was identified in a wild bird in South Jutland, Denmark on 2 May. Protection and surveillance zones have been established in accordance with CD 2006/115/EC. Because the case was close to the German border, the Surveillance zone extends into German territory.	
		(15:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance in Bulgaria presented by the Bulgaria delegation at SCFCAH. The situation is reported to be favourable, and to date only four cases of HPAI have been seen in wild birds.	
		(15:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in Italy presented by the Italian delegation at SCFCAH. Currently all protection and surveillance zones have been lifted as no further cases of HPAI have been seen. Surveillance and monitoring programmes in both domestic poultry and wild birds are continuing.	
		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a copy of Decision 2006/314/EC published on 29th April approving MS's surveillance plans.	

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		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on AI surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in Luxembourg submitted by the Luxembourg authorities. No cases of H5 HPAI have been reported in Luxembourg	
		(17:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in Belgium presented by the Belgium delegation at SCFCAH. No cases of H5 HPAI have been reported in Belgium.	
		(17:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance and biosecurity measures in the Czech Republic presented by the Czech delegation at SCFCAH. To date there have been 12 cases of H5 HPAI in wild birds. A total of Five protection and surveillance zones have been established. Surveillance is continuing.	
		(17:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance and biosecurity measures in the Slovenia presented by the Slovenian delegation at SCFCAH. To date there have been 44 cases of H5 HPAI in wild birds. The last case was seen on 30 March, and as a result all protection and surveillance zones around the positive cases have been lifted with the exception of two surveillance zones in Maribor and Koblerjev zaliv.	

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<p>WED- THU 3/5-4/5</p>	<p>Meeting of the SCFCAH</p>	<p>SCFCAH delegates received updates of the latest AI situation. MS also gave an overview of their ongoing surveillance and biosecurity measures. The Committee agreed the following Commission proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ prolong a number of preventive biosecurity measures in place to protect domestic flocks, such as keeping or feeding poultry indoors in identified high risk areas, until 31 December 2006. ○ extend the import ban on live captive birds from third countries and restrictions on the movement of birds accompanying their owners until 31 July 2006. ○ revise and prolong import bans on poultry and poultry products from certain regions of Bulgaria and Romania until 31 December 2006. ○ extend regionalisation applied to Croatia to include Zagreb region following positive identification of H5 in a wild bird. ○ extend the Decision under which parallel prevention and control measures to those in the EU are applied in Switzerland until 31 December. • Decision to allow Austria to begin a vaccination programme for zoo birds. • Decision to allow France to prolong its preventive vaccination programme for ducks and geese. • Decision to lay down transitional measures to be applied by Member States in the event of an outbreak of HPAI in domestic holdings. • Decision to revise measures to be applied around a domestic holding where H5N1 HPAI is suspected or confirmed, and repealing CD 135/2006/EC. 	<p>Commission issue a press release summarising discussions in SCFCAH (IP/06/590 released on 8/4)</p>

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THU 4/5		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from Denmark confirming a case of HPAI in a wild bird in South Jutland on latest AI situation in wild birds in Denmark. No cases have been seen since 10th April, and four protections and surveillance zones have now been removed.	
			OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Romania (H5N1) (final report), and the UK (H7N3), and reports of AI in wild birds in France , Denmark , Switzerland and Canada , and lifting of all restrictions in the UK .
FRI 5/5		(11:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax an epidemiological report from the UK on the case of H7N3 LPAI in Norfolk.	
		(11:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a weekly update of the situation in Turkey sent to the OIE from the Turkish authorities. No new outbreaks were reported between 20th and 4th May.	
		(12:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from Denmark confirming a case of HPAI in a wild bird in South Jutland. The Danish authorities have also reported that several protections and surveillance zones have now been lifted in other areas in the country.	

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		(15:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short report on latest AI situation in Romania presented by the Romania delegation at SCFCAH. No cases have been reported for a month, and final case closed on 21 April. A total of 53 outbreaks of H5N1 have been reported, but limited to backyard poultry. No AI was detected in commercial farms.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short report on latest AI situation in wild birds in Switzerland from the Swiss authorities. The last H5 positive case was found on 30 March, and hence restrictions in several cantons will be removed from 1 May. (17:00H) The Commission also sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary of the positive cases identified in wild birds in Switzerland-32 birds have been found positive in total.	
		(17:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a short report on latest AI situation in wild birds in Switzerland from the Swiss authorities. The last H5 positive case was found on 30 March, and hence restrictions in several cantons will be removed from 1 May.	
MON 8/5		(10:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax information from Poland on follow-up activities after H5 AI was identified in two wild swans found dead on the vistula river in Torun in March.	
		(10:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in Finland presented by the Finnish delegation at SCFCAH. No cases of H5 HPAI have been reported in Finland during 2006.	
		(12:15H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on AI surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in Greece submitted by the Greek authorities. 34 cases of HPAI were identified in wild birds between early February and mid march (the last case was identified on 12 March), mainly in the northern part of Greece.	

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		(15:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI biosecurity measures in Germany presented by the German delegation at SCFCAH.	
		(15:45H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a report on the latest AI situation in Sweden, including maps of the cases, and associated protection and surveillance zones. To date, 65 cases of HPAI have been identified in wild birds.	
		(16:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a presentation given by the UK delegation at SCFCAH on the case of H7N3 LPAI in Norfolk, UK.	
		(16:30H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary report presented at SCFCAH of the cases of HPAI in wild birds in the Community as reported in the ADNS system. Between 1 February and 26 April, 599 cases were reported (168 in Feb, 278 in March, and 154 in April).	
WED 10/5		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on AI surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in the Slovak Republic presented by the Slovak delegation at SCFCAH. 2 cases of H5 HPAI were reported in the Slovak republic in February, but no other cases have been reported. Surveillance is ongoing in wild birds and domestic poultry.	
		(18:00H) The Commission sends to MS CVOs via fax a summary on the distribution of AI cases, surveillance and revised biosecurity measures in Denmark presented by the Danish delegation at SCFCAH on 3 May.	

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THU 11/5			<p>OIE - publication of the weekly disease information bulletin contains an update on the disease in Turkey and Sudan (H5N1), and the UK (H7N3), and reports of AI in wild birds in Poland, and Switzerland, and lifting of measures in the Czech Republic.</p>