

# **HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)**

## **CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS AND LIST OF DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

### **Response to HPAI outbreaks in EU Member States during 2015**

**Situation as of 31 December 2015**

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This document summarises basic information on the outbreaks of Avian Influenza (AI) in several EU Member States and related EU action. It focuses on the animal health aspects. The electronic version of this document is available on the [SANTE AI web pages](#).

For additional information, please refer to the Decisions in the Official Journal, the Commission's [avian influenza webpage](#) and associated [press releases](#). EU legal texts – Commission Decisions (CD) and Regulations (RG) can be accessed via the [EUR-Lex](#) webpages.

For more general animal health information, please refer to the [Commission's webpage](#).

For human health information, please refer to the [Commission's relevant webpage](#) and the website of the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#).

As regards international organisations please refer to the AI web [pages](#) of the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE), the AI web [pages](#) of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the AI web [pages](#) of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Virtual faxes on AI occurrences in Member States (MS) and information on the Commission's work are sent to EU Member States and many third countries trading with the EU. These documents are referenced, starting each year with Fax 001. Please note that information on LPAI outbreaks in Member States is not included in this chronology.

Date	Member State	Main event	Action by the European Commission, Member States' authorities and stakeholders
THU 24/12	FR	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/2460</a>	<b>Fax 056 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2460 of 23 December 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in France in the Official Journal of the European Union (issue 339).
WED 23/12	FR	France Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 055 to CVOs</b> informing about the formal adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in France (document SANTE/7135/2015) These measures were adopted in relation to further HPAI outbreaks in the South-West of France. The Decision will be published on 24/12/2015 in the Official Journal of the European Union.
TUE 22/12	FR	61 <sup>st</sup> HPAI outbreak in poultry confirmed	France reports information on further outbreaks in six departments on its website: <a href="http://agriculture.gouv.fr/influenza-aviaire-la-situation-actuelle-en-france">http://agriculture.gouv.fr/influenza-aviaire-la-situation-actuelle-en-france</a>
MON 21/12	FR	France Consultation on protective measures	<b>Fax to CVOs</b> consulting Member States by written procedure as foreseen in the standard rules of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in France (SANTE/7135/2015). The draft proposes the establishment of a further restricted zone by France that comprises eight departments and parts of three further departments where restrictions for movements outside the zone to live poultry, day-old chicks and hatching eggs apply. The draft text obtains a favourable vote.
TUE 15/12	FR	Meeting <b>PAFF</b> <sup>1</sup> Committee	The Commission informed the Committee that the vote on document SANTE/7135/2015 Rev.2 on protective measures in relation to HPAI in France is postponed because France has informed that it will change the approach and restrict movements of live poultry and hatching eggs from a very large zone that will comprise several departments.
TUE 15/12	FR	Chief Veterinary Officers' meeting in Council 13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> outbreak confirmed in poultry	The French Chief Veterinary Officer informs that there are more than 20 HPAI outbreaks of three subtypes H5N1, H5N2 and H5N9 confirmed in five departments in south-west France. The French authorities will submit to the Commission a new proposal for restricting movements of live poultry and hatching eggs from whole departments and additional control measures to limit the spread of disease.

<sup>1</sup> Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed – Comitology Committee chaired by the Commission, including veterinary experts from all MS's governments ([http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/index_en.htm))

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FR 11/12	FR	France 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> outbreak confirmed in poultry	<b>Fax 054 to CVOs</b> on updated information received from the French authorities on the confirmation of a total of 12 outbreaks since the index case on 24/11/2015 in four different departments of France, namely in Dordogne (7), Landes (3), Haute-Vienne (1) and Gers (1). Three different HPAI virus strains have been identified as H5N1, H5N2 and H5N9. Veterinary control measures are taken including killing and disposal of infected animals, epidemiological investigations, zoning and reinforced surveillance.
THU 10/12	FR	France 7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> outbreak confirmed in poultry	<b>Fax 053 to CVOs</b> on information received from the French authorities about the detection of further HPAI outbreak through reinforced surveillance. A total of ten HPAI outbreaks in poultry have been confirmed on the French territory. Of the four outbreaks declared since 07/12/2015 three of them were detected in Dordogne and one outbreak in Haute-Vienne. HPAI H5, H5N2 and also H5N9 have been identified in the outbreaks.
TUE 08/12	FR	Update	<b>Fax 052 to CVOs</b> on updated information received from the French authorities in relation to the first three outbreaks in a in Dordogne including on the poultry population in the zones under restrictions and related surveillance activities. The authorities have issued a general appeal to reinforce biosecurity rules. Movements and exports of live birds and hatching eggs towards outside the Dordogne are suspended until further surveillance results are available.
MON 07/12	FR	France 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> outbreak confirmed in poultry	<b>Fax 050 to CVOs</b> informing about the confirmation of further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry on the French territory. One new outbreak is located in the Dordogne and two new outbreaks in the department of Landes. The French authorities are applying the measures to prevent the further spread of infection.
THU 03/12	FR	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/2239</a>	<b>Fax 048 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2239 of 2 December 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtypes H5N1 and H5N2 in France in the Official Journal of the European Union (issue 317).
WED 02/12	FR	France Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 047 to CVOs</b> informing about the adoption by the Commission of Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtypes H5N1 and H5N2 in France (document SANTE/7125/2015 Rev.1).
TUE 01/12	FR	Update	<b>Fax 045 to CVOs</b> informing about the update given by the French authorities at the meeting of the PAFF Committee of 30/11-01/12 and providing for the draft text voted at that Committee (document SANTE/7125/2015 Rev.1).

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MON/TUE 30/11- 01/12	FR	Meeting <a href="#">PAFF</a> <sup>1</sup> Committee  HPAI (H5NX and H5N2) confirmed in poultry (2 <sup>nd</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> outbreak)  Vote on protective measures	<a href="#">France</a> presents the situation as regards HPAI of H5 subtype on its territory. Following the confirmation of HPAI H5N1 in a chicken backyard holding in the commune of Biras in Dordogne on 24/11/2015, HPAI H5 virus (NA/Neuraminidase pending) was confirmed in a commercial duck farm in St Paul La Roche and HPAI of subtype H5N2 virus in a goose farm in Domme. All three farms are located in Dordogne. The French authorities implemented the measures for the control of avian influenza including the culling of the poultry in the new outbreaks and have also established additional zones as a buffer around the first two outbreaks owing to the fact that they are caused by H5N1 and H5 (not confirmed N subtype).  The Commission presents a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtypes H5N1 and H5N2 in France (document SANTE/7125/2015 Rev.1) for a vote and obtains a favourable opinion of the Committee.
THU 26/11	FR	Update	<b>Fax 044 to CVOs</b> on information received from the French authorities on the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 in backyard poultry in the commune of Biras, Dordogne, France. 22 out of 32 chickens had died and the remaining poultry on the holding were preventively culled on 20/11/2015 and cleaning and disinfection was carried out. An epidemiological investigation to determine the possible source of infection was started.
WED 25/11	FR	France HPAI H5N1 confirmed in poultry (1 <sup>st</sup> outbreak)	<b>Fax 043 to CVOs</b> on information received from the French authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in a poultry backyard flock in the department of Dordogne. Laboratory investigations to characterise the virus are ongoing but there are first indications that the causative virus has previously been detected in Europe but with a low pathogenic profile. Protection and surveillance zones where movement restrictions apply to poultry and certain poultry products were established.
WED/THU 09-10/09		Meeting <a href="#">PAFF</a> <sup>2</sup> Committee	<a href="#">Germany</a> and the <a href="#">United Kingdom</a> present the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H7N7.
FRI 17/08	UK	Lifting of restrictions	<b>Fax 040 to CVOs</b> on information received from the veterinary authorities in the United Kingdom on the lifting of the measures by 16/08/2015 in relation to the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H7N7 in Lancashire.
TUE 07/08	UK	Merging of zones	<b>Fax 039 to CVOs</b> on information received from the UK authorities on the merging by 07/08/2015 of the protection and surveillance zones in relation to the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H7N7 in Lancashire.
FRI 31/07	DE	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/1319</a>	<b>Fax 038 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1319 of 29 July 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in Germany in Official Journal of the European Union (issue L 203).

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WED 29/07	DE	Update (1)	<b>Fax 037 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities updating on clinical examinations and laboratory testing in poultry holdings located in the zones under restrictions in relation to the infected holding in Herzlake, which have so far given negative results. No poultry, poultry meat or eggs were dispatched to other Länder, Member States and third countries.
		Germany Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 036 to CVOs</b> informing about the formal adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in Germany (document SANTE/7065/2015) These measures were adopted in relation to the confirmation of HPAI H7N7 in a laying hen holding in Herzlake, Landkreis Emsland, Germany.
MON 27/07	DE	Germany HPAI H7N7 outbreak confirmed in poultry	<b>Fax 035 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in a holding keeping ~10.000 laying hens in barns in the commune of Herzlake, Landkreis Emsland, Germany. The poultry present on the holding was killed and the carcasses disposed of safely. Protection and surveillance zones have been established around the infected holding and epidemiological investigations are ongoing.
WED 15/07		Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/1160</a>	<b>Fax 034 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1160 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in the United Kingdom in the Official Journal of the European Union (issue L 187). An update on the outbreak received from the UK authorities is included informing that no movement of live birds, hatching eggs, day-old chicks, table eggs, meat or other poultry products has taken place to other Member States or third countries from the affected holding during the high risk period. All poultry holdings within the protection zone have been visited and clinically inspected and there is no clinical sign of disease.
MON 13/07	UK	Meeting of <a href="#">PAFF</a> Committee United Kingdom Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 033 to CVOs</b> informing about the formal adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in the United Kingdom (document SANTE/7071/2015 Rev. 1) that was approved today by the PAFF Committee and was formally adopted by the Commission at 17h30. These measures were adopted in relation to the confirmation of HPAI H7N7 in a poultry farm in Lancashire, UK.
		United Kingdom HPAI H7N7 outbreak confirmed in poultry	<b>Fax 032 to CVOs</b> on information received from the UK authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H7N7 in a laying hen holding located in Lancashire. Disease control measures are applied including culling of all poultry on the holding and the establishment of 3 km protection and 10 km surveillance zones around that farm. The CVOs are further informed that the Commission envisages submitting a legal draft text for a vote during today's <a href="#">PAFF</a> Committee on urgent protective measures in relation to this outbreak.

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THU 09/04	HU	Lifting of restrictions	<b>Fax 030 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Hungarian authorities about the lifting of the restrictions in relation to the established protection and surveillance zone around the HPAI H5N8 outbreak in a duck holding in Füzesgyarmat, Békés County, that had been confirmed on 24/02/2015 (see fax 014 of that day).
MON 30/03	RO	Romania HPAI H5N1 confirmed in wild birds	<b>Fax 028 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Romanian authorities on the confirmation of HPAI H5N1 in wild birds (Dalmatian pelican – <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> ) found dead in the Danube delta. This is the same species as previously found infected in Bulgaria.
FRI 27/03	HU	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/522</a>	<b>Fax 027 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/522 of 25 March 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Hungary.
THU 26/03	BG	Bulgaria HPAI H5N1 confirmed in wild birds	<b>Fax 025 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on the detection of HPAI H5N1 in further two Dalmatian pelicans ( <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> ) found dead in the Srebarna Nature Reserve in the Silistra region of Bulgaria (see also Fax 005 of 26/01). In total 21 pelicans were found dead in the same location. The measures provided for in <a href="#">Commission Decision 2006/563/EC</a> concerning certain protection measures in relation to HPAI H5N1 in wild birds in the Union were immediately taken by the authorities.
WED 25/03	HU	Hungary Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 024 to CVOs</b> informing about the formal adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N8 in Hungary (document SANTE/7028/2015) These measures were adopted in relation to the confirmation of HPAI H5N8 in a duck holding in Békés County, Hungary.
FRI 20/03	SE	Sweden HPAI H5N8 confirmed in wild birds	<b>Fax 023 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Swedish authorities on the detection of HPAI H5N8 in dead mute swans ( <i>Cygnus olor</i> ) found dead in the waters around Djurgården in central Stockholm.
THU 05/03	HU	Vote on protective measures	<b>Fax 020 to CVOs</b> informing about the favourable opinion of the Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed for the draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Hungary (document SANTE/7028/2015 Rev.1).
THU 05/03		Meeting of <a href="#">PAFF Committee</a>	<a href="#">Hungary</a> presents the disease situation for HPAI H5N8 in poultry.

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TUE 03/03	HU	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/338</a>	<b>Fax 018 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/338 of 27 February 2015 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Hungary.
FRI 27/02	DE	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/315</a>	<b>Fax 017 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/315 of 25 February 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Germany. Those measures were adopted in relation to the second outbreak confirmed in a backyard poultry flock in the town of Anklam, Mecklenburg- Western Pomerania.
FRI 27/02	HU	Hungary Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 016 to CVOs</b> informing about the formal adoption of Commission Implementing Decision concerning protective measures in relation to an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in Hungary (document SANTE/7026/2015). The protective measures were adopted in relation to the confirmation of HPAI H5N8 in a duck holding in Füzesgyarmat, Békés County, Hungary.
WED 25/02	HU	Update	<b>Fax 015 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Hungarian authorities updating on the situation as regards the HPAI H5N8 outbreak in a duck holding in Füzesgyarmat, Békés County, Hungary including information and maps on the established zones under restrictions.
TUE 24/02	HU	Hungary HPAI H5N8 outbreak confirmed in poultry (1 <sup>st</sup> outbreak)	<b>Fax 014 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Hungarian authorities about an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in a duck fattening holding in Békés County, Hungary. Poultry on the affected holding and possible contact poultry holdings will be culled.
TUE 10/02	BG	Publication of CD <a href="#">2015/205</a>	<b>Fax 013 to CVOs</b> informing about the publication of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/205 amending Decision 2006/415/EC on protective measures in relation to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Bulgaria.
FRI 06/02	BG	Bulgaria Adoption of protective measures	<b>Fax 012 to CVOs</b> informing about the adoption of Commission Implementing Decision amending <a href="#">Decision 2006/415/EC</a> on protective measures in relation to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N1 in poultry in Bulgaria (document SANTE/7007/2015 Rev.1) in Burgas Region. The Decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 10 February 2015.
WED 04/02		Meeting of <a href="#">PAFF Committee</a>	The EU Reference Laboratory for avian influenza ( <a href="#">EURL</a> ) reported on the HPAI H5 situation worldwide. <a href="#">Germany</a> gave an update on the HPAI H5N8 situation in poultry and captive birds. <a href="#">Bulgaria</a> reported on an HPAI H5N1 outbreak in a backyard poultry flock and findings of that virus in wild birds.

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MON 02/02	BG	Bulgaria HPAI H5N1 outbreak confirmed in poultry (1 <sup>st</sup> outbreak)	<b>Fax 010 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on the confirmation of the suspected outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in a backyard poultry holding in Konstantinovo village, Kameno municipality, Burgas region (see fax 009 of 30/01/2015).
THU 29/01	BG	Bulgaria HPAI H5N1 suspected in poultry	<b>Fax 009 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Bulgarian CVO about a suspicion of HPAI in a backyard poultry holding in Konstantinovo village, Kameno municipality, Burgas region. Poultry on the suspect holding died within two days showing clinical signs suggestive for HPAI. The holding in question is located at a distance of 13 km from the place where a Dalmatian pelican ( <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> ) was found dead and tested positive for HPAI H5N1 (see fax 005/2015 of 26/01/2015). In the framework of investigations and increased surveillance in poultry holdings carried out in relation to the positive HPAI H5N1 finding in the wild pelican.
THU 29/01	DE	Vote on protective measures	<b>Fax 007 to CVOs</b> informing about the favourable opinion of the Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Germany (Document SANTE/7006/2015- Rev.1) in relation to the outbreaks in two poultry flocks in the town of Anklam (fax 003/2015 of 21/01/2015 and fax 006 of 27/01/2015).
TUE 27/01	DE	Germany HPAI H5N8 outbreak confirmed in poultry (4 <sup>th</sup> outbreak)	<b>Fax 006 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities on an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 confirmed in a second non-commercial poultry flock situated in the protection zone established in relation to the previous outbreak in the town of Anklam (fax 003/2015 of 21/01/2015). The poultry present on that holding had as a precaution already been killed and safely disposed of on 24/01/2015. The protection and surveillance zones established around the first outbreak in the town of Anklam have now been extended.
MON 26/01	BG	Bulgaria HPAI H5N1 confirmed in a wild bird	<b>Fax 005 to CVOs</b> on information received from the Bulgarian authorities on the confirmation <b>of HPAI H5N1 subtype</b> in a Dalmatian pelican ( <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> ) found dead at the Black sea coast in Burgas Region, Bulgaria. Zoning according to <a href="#">Commission Decision 2006/563/EC</a> was implemented.
MON 26/01	DE	Lifting of restrictions	<b>Fax 004 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities on negative testing results for avian influenza virus in all poultry holdings located in the surveillance zone that had been established around an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in a duck holding in Neubörgel, Emsland, Lower Saxony.

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TUE 27/01	DE	Consultation on protective measures	<b>Fax to CVOs</b> consulting Member States by written procedure as foreseen in the standard rules of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Germany (SANTE/7006/2015) in relation to the outbreak in Anklam (see fax 003 of 21/01/2015).
WED 21/01	DE	Germany HPAI H5N8 outbreak confirmed in poultry/captive bird	<b>Fax 003 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in a non-commercial poultry holding in the city of Anklam, Land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania where birds of different species, namely chickens, geese, ducks, pigeons, quails and psittacidae are kept. Protection and surveillance zones around the infected holding are being established according to Council Directive 2005/94/EC. The Commission informs about the intention to adopt an Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to this new outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in Germany.
MON 19/01	DE	Lifting of restrictions	<b>Fax 002 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities on negative testing results for avian influenza virus in all poultry holdings located in the surveillance zone that had been established around an outbreak of HPAI H5N8 in a turkey fattening holding in Barßel, province of Cloppenburg (see fax 039 of 17/12/2014). The German authorities have now lifted the restrictions in relation to that outbreak by 18 January 2015 according to Commission Implementing Decision 2014/945/EU.
TUE-WED 13-14/01		Meeting of <b>PAFF</b> Committee	<a href="#">Germany</a> and <a href="#">Italy</a> gave an update on the HPAI H5N8 situation in poultry and other captive birds. <a href="#">EFSA</a> presented the conclusions and recommendations from the <a href="#">Scientific Report on HPAI H5N8</a> published on 15/12/2014.
MON 12/01	DE	Germany HPAI H5N8 outbreak confirmed in captive birds (zoo)	<b>Fax 001 to CVOs</b> on information received from the German authorities on the confirmation of HPAI H5N8 in white storks ( <i>Ciconia ciconia</i> ) on 07/01/2015 in the zoo of Rostock, Land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, where 495 birds of different species are kept. The zoo was quarantined on 08/01/2015 and further birds kept in the same section of the zoo were killed and tested positive for HPAI. Birds in other sections tested negative. Following a risk assessment carried out by experts of the national reference laboratory for avian influenza (FLI), the German authorities made use of the possible derogations under Articles 13 and 16 of Council Directive 2005/94/EC which foresee that non-commercial birds including zoo birds must not be killed when certain conditions are complied with. The competent authority may also refrain from establishing protection and surveillance zones around the outbreak.