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Avian influenza (HPAI) : France assures food safety regarding poultry and duck products exportations

Several HPAI outbreaks have been discovered in the past few days. These 6 outbreaks are located within a small zone in France in Dordogne and Landes French départements (French administrative division).

Safety measures to prevent disease expansion immediately entered into force in and around these 6 breeding farms : all poultry and ducks from the concerned farms have been culled, a 3 kilometers radius protection zone and a ten kilometers radius surveillance zone have been edicted, confinement of poultry and ducks as well as active surveillance are in force around concerned farms. Furthermore, France decided to forbid exportation of all living animals and hatching eggs from Dordogne and Landes départements.


Therefore, according to international rules, all other areas of France are considered free of avian influenza. This assumption is valid regarding H5N1 HPAI as well as H5N2 HPAI notifications.

French authorities wish to remind consumers that there is no risk regarding avian influenza transmission linked to meat and processed products from ducks and poultry consumption.

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