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Subject: **Low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) H5N2 in poultry in the Landkreis Cham, Land Bavaria, Germany**

Message:

Please find attached information provided by the German authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N2 by the National Reference Laboratory for avian influenza (FLI). The affected holding is located in the commune of Roding, Landkreis Cham, Land Bavaria where 9,300 laying hens, 200 laying hen pullets, 1,500 geese, 2,000 ducks and 100 turkeys (a total of 13,100 heads) are kept. Only the geese were kept in free range.

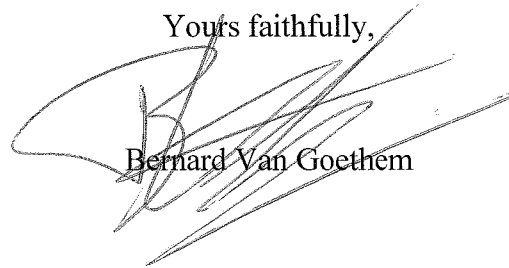
Laboratory testing took place in the framework of official surveillance for avian influenza and samples taken from 20 geese gave positive serological results. No poultry present on the holding showed any clinical signs. During further laboratory investigations the holding was put under official restrictions. Due to the finding of infection with avian influenza subtype H5 all poultry present on the holding were culled and the holding cleansed and disinfected during 06/12 and 07/12/2015.

According to Directive 2005/94/EC a restricted zone of 1km radius around the holding was established. In that zone there are 11 holdings that are mainly of non-commercial character. The poultry in these holdings will be inspected clinically and laboratory tests will be carried out.

Epidemiological investigations have been introduced. According to current knowledge poultry, poultry meat and eggs have only been marketed nationally. The source of infection is not yet known.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bernard Van Goethem', written over the typed name.

Bernard Van Goethem

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