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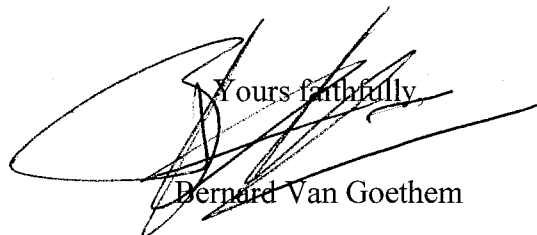
Subject: Low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) of H5 subtype in poultry in Pavia province, Lombardy Region, Italy

Message:

Please find attached information from the Italian veterinary authorities about the confirmation by the National Reference Laboratory for avian influenza (IZSVE) of low pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in poultry. Virus presence was detected through routine surveillance for avian influenza.

The holding, where approx. 8,000 chickens and ducks are kept, is located in the commune of Galliavola, province of Pavia in the Region of Lombardy. According to national and Union law the holding was put under official surveillance and all poultry present on the holding were culled. A restricted zone of 1km radius was established around the affected holding. The Region of Lombardy has recommended to its veterinary services to strictly verify the biosecurity provisions in place, in particular in order to reduce the risks of contact of wild birds with poultry kept in farms with open air access.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours faithfully,

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