

Immediate notification report

Report reference: , Ref OIE: 3756, Report Date: 20/02/2006 , Country: Austria

Report Summary

Disease	Highly pathogenic avian influenza	Animal type	Terrestrial
Causal Agent	Highly pathogenic avian influenza virus	Serotype(s)	H5N1
Clinical Signs	No	Reason	First occurrence of a listed disease
Date of first confirmation of the event	18/02/2006	Date of Start of Event	13/02/2006
Date of report	20/02/2006	Date Submitted To OIE	21/02/2006
Diagnosis	Laboratory (advanced)	Number Of Reported Outbreaks	Submitted= 1, Draft= 0
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Epidemiology

Epidemiological comments	
<p>Several dead swans were found in a reservoir in Graz-Umgebung district on 13 and 14 February 2006. First results of the Austrian Agency were H5N1-positive. Confirmation was provided by the OIE/European Union (EU) reference laboratory for avian influenza, Weybridge, United Kingdom.</p> <p>Since 19 February, the entire country is defined as a "risk area" - all poultry to be kept indoors, enforced biosecurity measures, prohibition of bird markets, in accordance with EU legislation.</p> <p>Protection and surveillance zones have been established around the reservoir.</p> <p>Other suspicions have occurred in the Federal Provinces of Steiermark (Hartberg district), Niederösterreich (Korneuburg district), and Vienna. Protection and surveillance zones have been established around all places where suspect wild birds have been found.</p>	
Source of the outbreak(s) or origin of infection	• Unknown or inconclusive

Control Measures

Applied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement control inside the country • Screening • Zoning 	To be applied	• No Planned Control Measures
		Vaccination Prohibited	Yes
Animals treated	No		

Country / Zone

Country or zone	the whole country
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Diagnostic test results

Laboratory Type	Name of Laboratory	Species	Test Type	Date Results Provided	Result
Regional Reference Laboratory	Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Weybridge, United Kingdom	Wild species	reverse transcription – polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)	18/02/2006	Positive
National laboratory	AGES (Austrian agency for health and food safety)	Wild species	reverse transcription – polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)	14/02/2006	Positive

Future Reporting

What further reports will be submitted in relation to this event? The event is resolved. No more reports will be submitted.

Outbreak map

