



Context

On November 26th, 2021, an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) strain H5N1 was detected in a breeding farm in the department of Nord (59), signifying the loss of the free status that France had recovered on September 2, 2021 in accordance with the Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

Sanitary measures

For all the outbreaks, from the suspicion stage, sanitary management measures were triggered with the establishment of regulated zoning (3 and 10 km) around the concerned farms, reinforcement of biosecurity measures, census of farms and prohibition of movements of poultry in the restricted areas.

In the South-West and Western France, additional measures of depopulation have been implemented.

I. DEPARTMENTS HAVING RECOVERED FREE STATUS

Departments concerned: Nord department (59), Indre-et-Loire department (37), Mayenne department (53), Landes department (40), Pyrénées Atlantiques department (64), Hautes Pyrénées department (65), Gers department (32), Ille et Vilaine department (35) and Morbihan department (56).

Sanitary conditions and compliance with cleaning and disinfection operations have made it possible to lift the restriction zones in these departments. They regained their free status on the following dates, in accordance with the provisions of the OIE Code (28 days after the end of cleaning and disinfection operations – Article 10.4.6):

Department	Number of the department	Date of cleaning and disinfection	Date free status recovery (CD + 28 days)	Total number of confirmed outbreaks
Indre et Loire	37	28/02/2022	29/03/2022	2
Mayenne	53	01/03/2022	30/03/2022	1
Nord	59	04/04/2022	03/05/2022	8
Landes	40	14/04/2022	13/05/2022	231
Pyrénées Atlantiques	64	01/04/2022	29/04/2022	71
Hautes-Pyrénées	65	01/04/2022	29/04/2022	16
Gers	32	27/04/2022	26/05/2022	46

Ille et Vilaine	35	04/05/2022	02/06/2020	2
Morbihan	56	03/05/2022	31/05/2022	3

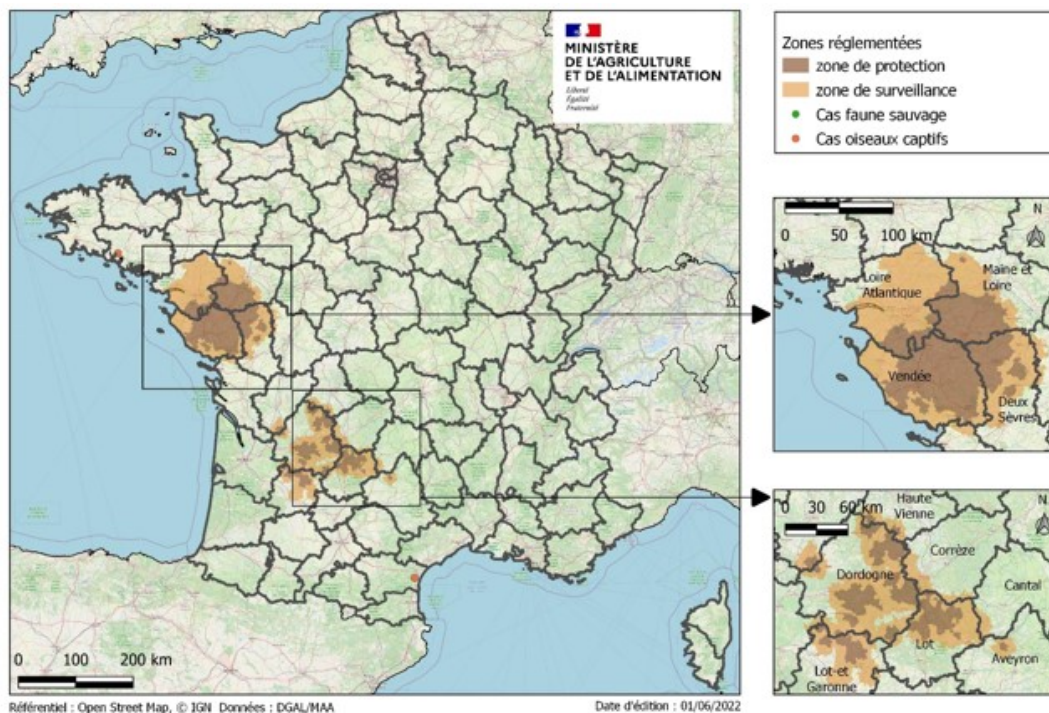
Without a new outbreak, the free status of the department of Finistère will be recovered from 11 June 2022 and that of Seine Maritime from 14 June 2022.

II. HEALTH SITUATION IN FARMS IN FRANCE

Since 17 May 2022, no new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) have been detected on French farms. The sanitary measures put in place by the French veterinary services and the preventive depopulation of nearly 16 million poultry have proven effective.

This general stabilisation is reflected in the lifting of the restricted zones in 11 departments, namely Finistère, Gers, Hautes-Pyrénées, Pyrénées-Atlantiques, Ille et Vilaine, Indre et Loire, Landes, Mayenne, Morbihan, Nord and Seine Maritime and the recovery of the free status of several of these departments (see table above).

French Influenza restriction zones



III. Lowering of the risk level at national level

The favorable evolution of the HPAI situation led to the lowering of the risk level to moderate on May 9, 2022, and then to negligible on June 3, 2022.