Directorate General for Food



HPAI situation in France Update of 02 September 2022

I. New cases - Summer 2022

5 departments with outbreak(s): Ain, Ille-et-Vilaine, Manche, Morbihan, Somme

A strong suspicion in a free range farm (7,000 chickens, ducks, and turkeys) detected on 28 July in the Manche department (50) was confirmed by the NRL on 29 July 2022 (H5HPN1). The poultry were preventively slaughtered the same day.

Another strong suspicion in a turkey farm detected on 29 July in the Somme department (80) was confirmed by the NRL on 30 July (H5HPN1). The poultry were subjected to culling on 31 July.

Latest, a strong suspicion in a turkey farm on 16 August 2022 in the Morbihan department (56) was confirmed by the NRL on 17 August 2022 (H5HPN1). The poultry were subjected to culling on 18 August. A second outbreak in the Morbihan department was confirmed by the NRL on 23 August on a duck farm. The birds were subjected to culling on the 24th. The epidemiological investigation did not show a link between these two outbreaks.

A strong suspicion declared on 24 August in a duck farm in the Ain department (01) was confirmed by the NRL on 26 August 2022 (H5HPN1). The culling of the poultry on this farm is planned for the 27th.

A strong suspicion declared on 28 August in a laying hen farm in the Ille-et-Vilaine department (35) was confirmed by the NRL on 31 August 2022 (H5HPN1). The poultry were slaughtered on 31 August.

A strong suspicion declared on 31 August in a turkey farm in the Ain department (01) was confirmed by the NRL on 2 September 2022 (H5HPN1). The poultry were slaughtered on 2 September.

Sanitary measures, zoning

As for all outbreaks, as soon as the suspicion was raised, sanitary management measures were triggered within the EU regulatory implemented zoning (3 km Protection Zone "ZP" and 10 km Surveillance Zone "ZS" around the farm): culling of poultry on affected farms (either as a preventive measure or at the latest the day after NRL confirmation), reinforcement of biosecurity measures, census of farms and ban on poultry movements.

The zoning of the first 3 outbreaks and the 5th outbreak does not affect any neighbouring department. However, the zoning of the second outbreak in Morbihan (August 28th) and the first outbreak in Ille-et-Vilaine (August 31th) affect the "Côtes d'Armor" (22) (overflow of surveillance zone only).

Since the implementation of these measures no other extension is to be noted through epidemiological investigations at this stage.

II. Management of past cases / winter 2021 - spring 2022

A few restriction zones are still active, as a precautionary measure only, in the following 5 departments: Deux-Sèvres (79), Dordogne (24), Loire-Atlantique (44), Maine-et-Loire (49), and Vendée (85). The last outbreak in these areas was notified on 17 May 2022.

All other French departments, except the 5 mentioned at point I, are considered free of the disease.

III. Free status recovery

Departments from 2021-2022 episode that have recovered their free status:

DEPARTMENT	Date of free status recovery
AVEYRON (12)	20/06/2022
CANTAL (15)	08/06/2022
CHARENTE (16)	20/06/2022
CORREZE (19)	12/07/2022
FINISTERE (29)	11/06/2022
GERS (32)	26/05/2022
HAUTES-PYRENEES (65)	29/04/2022
HAUTE-VIENNE (87)	26/07/2022
INDRE-ET-LOIRE (37)	29/03/2022
LANDES (40)	13/05/2022
LOT (46)	22/07/2022
LOT-ET-GARONNE (47)	18/07/2022
MAYENNE (53)	30/03/2022
NORD (59)	03/05/2022
PYRENEES-ATLANTIQUES (64)	29/04/2022
SEINE-MARITIME (76)	14/06/2022

Free status recovery of currently non free departments:

Departments recently infected during Summer 2022

In accordance with Chapter 10.4, Article 10.4.6 of the revised version of the WOHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code, adopted on 29 May 2021 and published on the WOHA website, and in the absence of a new outbreak, the departments of Ain, Ille-et-Vilaine, Manche, Morbihan and Somme could regain their free status 28 days after completion of stamping out and disinfection of the outbreak. The official date that will be notified to WOHA will be the date of lifting of zoning restrictions.

Departments infected during 2021-2022 epizootic

If there are no further outbreaks elsewhere in France, France could regain its free status by end of September 2022, following the lifting of the last restriction areas put in place as a preventive measure (Dordogne (24), Loire-Atlantique (44), Maine-et-Loire (49), Deux-Sèvres (79) and Vendée (85)).