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## VETERINARY INSPECTION

CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER

**Mr. Bernard Van Goethem**  
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**DG SANTE**  
**European Commission**  
**Belgium**

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Dear Dr Van Goethem,

The Chief Veterinary Officer kindly informs, that on 31 December 2019 in the afternoon the first outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N8 subtype in 2019 was confirmed on the farm where 12089 turkeys were kept, based on the results obtained from the national reference laboratory for avian influenza, i.e. the National Veterinary Institute - National Research Institute in Pulawy.

The farm where the outbreak was diagnosed is located in the Uścimów commune, in the Lubartów district, in the Lubelskie region. The birds were 14 weeks old, there was no sale to the slaughterhouse yet. Veterinary services have implemented all eradication and control procedures provided for in the event of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry. The outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza No. 2019/1 was reported through the ADNS system on December 31, 2019.

On December 31, 2019, a meeting of the district and regional crisis management team was held. On January 1, 2020, Regulation No 1 of the Lublin Voivode was published on combating highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in the Lubartów, Łęczyński and Parczewski districts. In accordance with the issued regulation, the protection and



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surveillance zone has been determined within a radius of at least 10 km around the outbreak, including:

- protection zone with a radius of at least 3 km around the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the Lubartów district,
- surveillance zone in the Lubartów, Łęczyński and Parczewski districts with a radius of at least 7 km outside the protection zone.

In addition, on 31 December 2019, in the evening, research results were confirmed from the National Veterinary Institute - National Research Institute in Puławy, confirming the occurrence of highly pathogenic avian influenza in two more farms keeping turkeys in the Uścimów commune in the Lubartów district.

I will keep up to date on further information.

  
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