

The current HPAI Code chapter: Trade from vaccinated flock or country that apply HPAI vaccination

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Generalities

- Recent update (2021, but took four years!), to adapt: epidemiology, trade, trends ...
- Since then, situation has evolved... including in Americas
- And the Code is still relevant as it had taken all situations into account, and gives practical options to the Veterinary Authorities for the prevention and control of HPAI, including trade aspects
- Need for more changes? Up to the Members, but first: apply!



Key aspects of the chapter

- On HPAI only, but H5 and H7 LPAI should be monitored and managed
- Case definition = test; no link with clinical severity
- Free status = self-declaration; thorough surveillance (specific if vaccinated) + outbreak management
- Trade = from HPAI free zones or compartments (or treated products); **possible if vaccination**
- Surveillance = 'passive' + 'active', including if free



Key points on vaccination

1. vaccination against HPAI is an effective complementary control tool when a stamping out policy alone is not sufficient
2. vaccination does not affect HPAI status of a free zone if surveillance supports the absence of infection
3. vaccination is decided by the Veterinary Authority based on the HPAI situation as well as the ability of the Veterinary Services to implement vaccination and the appropriate surveillance strategy
4. Tests to be performed to ensure the absence of virus circulation, at a frequency proportionate to the risk; use of sentinel poultry may provide further confidence
5. Evidence to show the effectiveness of the vaccination programme should also be provided



Key points on trade

1. Trade from free zones and compartments, except safe commodities and treated products
2. Repeat: vaccination does not affect the HPAI status of a free zone if surveillance supports the absence of infection
3. Surveillance should include all vaccinated herds
4. ONLY one condition for trade:
 - Traded live birds (including DOC and hatching eggs) should be accompanied with info on vaccines used (nature and date)
5. No specific conditions for meat, eggs and other poultry products

Others

- Complementarity between vertical and horizontal WOAH Standards
- Important chapters (I): Chapters 1.4. on Surveillance & 4.18. on Vaccination
 - No vaccination possible without planning and surveillance
- Important chapters (II): Chapters 4.4. on Zoning and Compartments and 4.5. on Application of Compartments
 - No vaccination possible without biosecurity, traceability and movement controls
- Important chapters (III): Chapter 4.19. on Official control programmes



Thank you

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