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The Commission follows closely the epidemiological situation with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). From 1 January 2025 until 26 May 2025, Member States notified 244 outbreaks of HPAI in poultry establishments and more than 12,6 million poultry were affected by those outbreaks. During the same period, Poland notified 85 HPAI outbreaks in poultry establishments[1], representing 35% of the EU's total number of outbreaks. More than 8 million poultry were affected in the infected establishments in Poland, that represents 63,5% of the total number of poultry affected in the HPAI outbreaks in the EU. The Commission is paying special attention to this serious situation and keeps regular contact with the Polish authorities, in particular as regards control measures.

Poland has faced a specific deterioration in the epidemiological situation regarding HPAI in certain areas with high density of poultry establishments. As a consequence of that situation, following technical discussions with the Commission, the Polish competent authorities are implementing certain national measures in the zones that are of concern aiming to contain the spread of the disease. The measures were presented at the Standing Committee of Plants, Animals Food and Feed[2] and they are in accordance with the EU rules, including regionalisation measures where movement restrictions apply in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429[3] and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687[4].

In view of the evolution of the disease situation in the EU, the Commission adopted several Implementing Decisions[5], amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2447[6] that lists the areas where restrictions due to HPAI must be in place.

[1] https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/3628d24e-53ea-4ee7-a121-99bcf304a223_en?filename=reg-com_ahw_20250521_pres-15.pdf.
[2] https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2f28853a-4693-4f9a-aca3-ee464dc2cdac_en?filename=reg-com_ahw_20250328_pres-18.pdf.
[3] http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj.
[4] http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/687/oj.
[5] Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/821 http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/821/oj , Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/858 http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/858/oj , Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/896 http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/896/oj.
[6] http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2023/2447/oj.