

AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE 5/2018

6 March 2018

HPAI H5N6 in Europe

- A white tailed sea eagle tested positive for HPAI H5N6 subtype in Denmark on 1 March 2018.
- On 28 February 2018, the United Kingdom confirmed HPAI H5N6 subtype in a number of wild birds at different locations:
 1. Common buzzard in the Vale of Glamorgan, Wales.
 2. Two mute swans in Berkshire, England.
 3. Two greylag geese and two wild pheasants, Lincolnshire, England.
 4. Common buzzard, Devon, England.
 5. Northern goshawk, Suffolk, England.
 6. Common buzzard, Surrey, England.

HPAI H5N8 in Europe

- On 5 March 2018, Italy reported HPAI H5N8 subtype in a **poultry** premises in the Bergamo region of northern Italy. It is a laying hen premises with 95000 birds that reported 100 dead birds.
- On 2 March 2018, Bulgaria confirmed HPAI H5N8 subtype in a **poultry** premises in the region of Dobrich, in the east of the country. The affected farm, a commercial laying premises with 139000 birds, reported 3500 dead birds and culling of the affected flock is underway.

Advice

- DAFM continues to monitor the situation in Europe closely and the advice to poultry flock owners, including owners of backyard poultry, is to remain **vigilant to the threat of avian influenza** and implement strategic, ongoing biosecurity measures – in particular by feeding birds indoors or under cover.
- Specific biosecurity advice can be found here: https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/avian_influenza/biosecurityadvice/
- Flock owners are also reminded to update their flock registration details. On-line registration is now possible. Full details can be found [here](#).
- There is now a link to the avian influenza section of the DAFM website from the home page – see Current Topics on the top left of the screen: <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/>