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Situation of AI in France

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I. Status of influenza on the French territory

France is **free** from **Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI)** Since **4th march 2020**.

France has recovered its free status regarding highly pathogenic influenza since October 27th, 2017.

On October, 3rd 2019 France has detected a case of low pathogenic influenza (LPAI) in the Loir-et-Cher department. The free status regarding LPAI of this department and therefore of France, was recovered three months after the cleaning and disinfection of the outbreak completed on December 3, 2019, complying with Chapter 10.4, article 10.4.3 of the OIE's Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

II. Reinforced surveillance and biosecurity measures

The European regulation (directive 2005/94 and decision 2010/367) imposes an annual surveillance of avian influenza by a serological survey. Following the appearance of the HPAI episode in 2015-2017, France applies tougher selection criteria on sampled farms than the European criteria. In particular since 2016, a reinforcement of the sample plan in breeding palmipeds farms. The goal, in terms of detected limit prevalence rate, fell from 5 % in 2015 to 1 % in 2017.

As regards biosecurity measures, each farm is compelled to have a biosecurity plan since the release by French authorities of two decrees, one applied to poultry farms (February, 8th 2016, update on June 2019) and another one dealing with biosecurity in transportation (March, 14th 2018). The implementation of those measures is subjected to official controls and is accompanied by specific trainings and awareness systems.