

General Directorate for Food

OFFICIAL VACCINATION PLAN HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

FACT SHEET 8 – RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS OF VACCINATED ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS

Implementation of vaccination is to be accompanied by restrictions on movements of vaccinated animals and their products, in compliance with EU regulations.

THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Delegated regulation (EU) 2023/361 allows for vaccination against HPAI in the European Union and provides for vaccination strategies that may be implemented for HPAI. In France, preventive vaccination is the only strategy chosen.

Article 14 and part 5 of Annex XIII of delegated regulation (EU) 2023/361 defines restrictive measures applicable to movements of vaccinated animals and their products where preventive vaccination has been undertaken.

Where preventive vaccination has been undertaken, movements of vaccinated animals and movements of products from vaccinated animals are prohibited unless derogations apply.

Point 4.1. of part 5 of Annex XIII of regulation 2023/361 defines the conditions for the granting of derogations for the movement of vaccinated poultry and captive birds.

Point 4.2. of part 5 of Annex XIII of regulation 2023/361 defines the conditions for the granting of derogations for the movement of eggs for human consumption and meat derived from vaccinated poultry.

THE VACCINATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTED

This vaccination programme will target ducks alone (Muscovy, Mulard, Pekin). No other species will be vaccinated.

Preventive vaccination is to be made mandatory for all commercial farms rearing ducks at the production stage (foie gras duck sector and table duck sector).

As a supplement to this, a strategy for voluntary vaccination has been adopted for the vaccination of production ducks whose hatching eggs and day-old chicks are intended exclusively for the French domestic market.

Flocks of breeding birds whose production (hatching eggs and day-old chicks) is intended for export to third countries or other Member States are not covered by the vaccination programme. This means that only hatching eggs and day-old chicks from unvaccinated breeders can be exported to third countries and other Member States.

VACCINATION OF DUCKS IN PRODUCTION: MOVEMENT OF VACCINATED BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS

Movement of vaccinated birds:

Point 4.1.a. of part 5 of Annex XIII of regulation 2023/361 authorises the **movement of vaccinated poultry within French national territory** for which the results of passive and enhanced active surveillance are negative regarding detection of infection by the virus, subject to the following conditions :

- The birds are being moved to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter;
or
 - they are being moved from their establishments to other establishments:
 - o where vaccination is carried out,
 - o or where only vaccinated poultry or captive birds are kept,
 - o or where complete separation between vaccinated and non-vaccinated poultry or captive birds can be ensured;
- and
- the poultry or captive birds moved remain in the establishment of destination for at least 21 days, unless they are poultry moved from the establishment of destination to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter.

Point 4.1.c. of part 5 of Annex XIII of the aforementioned regulation authorises the **movement of vaccinated poultry sent for immediate slaughter to another Member State** provided that:

- the surveillance applied in the establishment of origin has yielded favourable results,
- poultry of the consignment to be dispatched were clinically inspected with favourable results by an official veterinarian within 72 hours before the time of loading and favourable results were obtained on virological tests performed on samples taken within 72 hours prior to the time of departure from 20 birds from that consignment.

Movement of meat from vaccinated poultry

Point 4.2.b. of part 5 of Annex XIII of regulation 2023/361 authorises **the movement of meat** from vaccinated birds subject to the conditions set out in the previous paragraph.

VACCINATION OF BREEDING DUCKS: MOVEMENT OF VACCINATED BIRDS AND THEIR PRODUCTS

In accordance with the vaccination strategy, hatching eggs and ducklings from vaccinated breeding stock are to be placed exclusively to the French domestic market.

Movement of future breeding stock and vaccinated breeding stock:

Movement of future breeding stock and vaccinated breeding flocks must meet the same conditions as those set out for production ducks.

Movement of hatching eggs from vaccinated breeding stock

Point 4.1.d. of part 5 of Annex XIII of regulation 2023/361 authorises movement of hatching eggs from vaccinated birds, subject to the following conditions:

- The hatching eggs must come from a vaccinated breeding flock for which enhanced passive and active surveillance has yielded favourable results.
- They must have been disinfected before dispatch in accordance with a method approved by the competent authority.
- They must be transported directly to the hatchery of destination.
- They must be traceable within the hatchery.

Movement of day-old chicks from vaccinated breeding flocks

Point 4.1.e. of part 5 of Annex XIII of regulation 2023/361 authorises movement of day-old chicks from vaccinated birds subject to the following conditions:

- The day-old chicks must originate from a vaccinated breeding flock for which enhanced passive and active surveillance has yielded favourable results.
- They must be placed in a poultry house or shed where there are no resident poultry.
- They must remain in the establishment of destination for at least 21 days.

For more information:

- **Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361** of 28 November 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and the Council as regards rules for the use of certain veterinary medicinal products for the purpose of prevention and control of certain listed diseases:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R0361&qid=1681975761645&from=FR>