Immediate notification report

Report Summary

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Animal type: Terrestrial

Disease: Highly pathogenic influenza A viruses (infection with) (non-poultry including wild birds)

Serotype(s): H5N6

Causal Agent: Highly pathogenic influenza A virus

Country or zone: the whole country

Reason: Recurrence of a listed disease

Diagnosis: Laboratory (advanced)

Number of reported outbreaks: 1

Outbreak summary: Total outbreaks = 1 (Submitted)

Regional Veterinary and Food Administration: East- (this report - submitted)

Species: Common Eider  
Susceptible Cases Deaths Killed and disposed of Slaughtered
Common Eider 1 1 0 0

Affected Population: On 8th July, a common eider (Somateria mollissima) was found dead on the island of Vejrø, municipality of Lolland. The bird was found among several other dead wild birds of different species, but mostly eiders. On July 16th, the National Veterinary Institute confirmed highly pathogenic influenza A virus (H5N6) in the samples from one eider; the other birds were unsuitable for testing.

Epidemiological comments:
According to article 10.4.1.8 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Member Countries should not impose bans on the trade in poultry and poultry commodities in response to notification on the presence of any influenza A virus in birds other than poultry.

Source of the outbreak(s) or origin of infection:
• Unknown or inconclusive

Measures applied:
No Control Measures

Diagnostic test results:

Laboratory Type: National laboratory
Name of Laboratory: National veterinary laboratory
Species: Common Eider
Test Type: reverse transcription - polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
Date results provided: 16/07/2018
Result: Positive

Future Reporting:
The event is continuing. Weekly follow-up reports will be submitted.