

Use of the Terrestrial Code for prevention and control of HPAI, including vaccination and trade

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All is in the Code
(nearly), and
much is not in the
HPAI chapter
itself

1. Prevention and control

- Biosecurity
- Import
- Outbreak management
- Status recovery

2. Specific tool of vaccination

- Why / What for?
- How?
- Consequences

3. Key points on trade

Prevention and control



- **Biosecurity:**
 - New Chapter 4.X. on biosecurity in general
 - Chapter 4.13. on disposal and Chapter 4.14. on disinfection
 - Chapter 6.5. on Biosecurity procedures in poultry production
- **Import:**
 - All chapters of Section 5, notably Chapters 5.4. to 5.7., in course of revision (adoption expected in 2026)
 - Articles 10.4.7 to 10.4.22 depending on the commodities and the status of the zone of origin
- **Outbreak management:**
 - Chapter 4.19. on official control programmes
- **Zoning and compartmentalisation:**
 - Chapter 4.4. on zoning and compartmentalisation
 - Chapter 4.5. on application of compartmentalisation
 - New Chapter 4.Z. in preparation on application of zoning
- **Status recovery:** Article 10.4.6.



Specific tool of vaccination

Chapter 4.18.

Article 10.4.1.

Article 10.4.28.

1. vaccination against HPAI is an effective complementary control tool when a stamping out policy alone is not sufficient
2. vaccination is decided by the Veterinary Authority based on the HPAI situation as well as the ability of the Veterinary Services to implement vaccination and the appropriate surveillance strategy
3. vaccination does not affect HPAI status of a free zone if surveillance supports the absence of infection
4. Tests to be performed to ensure the absence of virus circulation, at a frequency proportionate to the risk; use of sentinel poultry may provide further confidence
5. Evidence to show the effectiveness of the vaccination programme should also be provided



Key points on trade from Chapter 10.4.

1. Trade of live birds, hatching eggs and raw bird products is possible from HPAI free zones and compartments only
2. Safe commodities and adequately treated products can be traded from infected zones
3. Vaccination does not affect the HPAI status of a free zone if surveillance, which includes all vaccinated herds, supports the absence of infection
4. Certificates for trade of vaccinated live birds should include info on vaccines used (nature and date)
5. No specific conditions for meat, eggs and other products of vaccinated birds

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