



## International Animal Health Division

International Animal Disease Monitoring

## Preliminary Outbreak Assessment



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# Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Russia

**Note:** Defra's International Animal Health Division (IAHD) monitors outbreaks of high impact diseases around the world. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is among those diseases of major concern.

## Disease Report

Three outbreaks of disease were detected in birds in Krasnodarskiy Kray province, south-western Russia on 12 January and confirmed as avian influenza H5N1 on 26 January (OIE, 2007). Russia has implemented control measures including stamping out, vaccination and zoning.

## Situation Assessment

Russia experienced a number of outbreaks of H5N1 in 2006, the last outbreak occurred in August 2006.



Russia is currently not allowed to export live poultry, fresh poultry meat or heat treated poultry meat products to the EU.

Imports to the EU of avian products such as feathers are permitted from Russia.

Feathers are normally processed in a way which would remove or inactivate avian influenza virus. Imports of unprocessed feathers have been banned.

## Conclusion

The information available suggests that there is negligible direct risk to the UK from the suspected outbreak of avian influenza in Russia.

## References

OIE (2007). Highly pathogenic avian influenza, Russia. RUS 09-02-07 OIE Alert Message (Received by e-mail 09 February 2007)