

Avian Influenza Report



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Summary

1. Since the previous issue of Avian Influenza Report (AIR), there were three new human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) reported by Mainland China health authorities, including 1 case each in Hunan, Jiangxi and Shanghai. In addition, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health confirmed one human case of avian influenza A(H7N9). This case is the second case in Hong Kong this winter and the eighteenth case in Hong Kong. Since March 2013 (as of January 3, 2017), there were a total of 819 human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9) reported globally. Since November 2016 (as of January 3, 2017), 18 cases have been recorded in Mainland China. The latest case was reported on January 3, 2016.
2. Since the previous issue of AIR, there were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6). Since 2014 (as of December 31, 2016), 16 human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) were reported globally and all occurred in Mainland China. The latest case was reported on December 1, 2016.
3. There were no new human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported by the World Health Organization (WHO). From 2011 to 2015, 32 to 145 confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) were reported to WHO annually (according to onset date). In 2016, there have been 10 cases in Egypt so far.*

* Since November 21, 2012, WHO only publishes information on human cases with avian influenza A(H5N1) infection in "[Influenza at human - animal interface: Monthly Risk Assessment Summary](#)". Only cases of human infection with H5N1 involved in events that are unusual or associated with potential increased risks will be reported in Disease Outbreak News. The latest [report](#) was published in December, 2016.

This week's highlights

(Sources: WHO, National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), Mainland health authorities, CHP and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE))

Table 1. Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5) / avian influenza A(H7N9)

	No. of H5 cases (No. of deaths)	No. of H7N9 cases (No. of deaths)	Details
In this reporting period	0(0)	1(0)	Hong Kong: A 70-year-old man was confirmed positive for avian influenza A(H7N9). This case is the second case in Hong Kong this winter. He traveled to Shenzhen and Zhongshan since December 13 and returned to Hong Kong via Lo Wu on December 16. He claimed that he came across mobile stalls selling live poultry in Zhongshan. He is now in serious condition and is under isolation and further management. (CHP, December 29, 2016)

Table 2. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases	Province / Region / Municipality	City / District / Area	Age (years)	Sex	Condition at time of reporting	Date of report
New cases	Mainland China	3	Hunan	Shaoyang	53	F	-	29/12/2016
			Shanghai	-	34	M	-	29/12/2016
			Jiangxi	Jingdezhen	53	M	Critical	03/01/2017

Table 3. Cumulative numbers of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) since 2013 and since November 2016 respectively

Confirmed H7N9 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2013 (819 cases in total) (as of January 3, 2017)	Cumulative no. of cases since November 2016 (21 cases in total) (as of January 3, 2017)
Mainland China	Zhejiang Province	220	1
	Guangdong Province	196	1
	Jiangsu Province	109	5
	Fujian Province	76	2
	Shanghai Municipality	53	2
	Anhui Province	41	5
	Hunan Province	35	1
	Jiangxi Province	15	1
	Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region	10	-
	Beijing Municipality	9	-
	Shandong Province	9	-
	Hebei Province	4	-
	Henan Province	4	-
	Guangxi Province	3	-
	Guizhou Province	2	-
	Hubei Province	2	-
	Jilin Province	2	-
	Tianjin Municipality	2	-
Liaoning Province	1	-	
Hong Kong		18 [#]	2
Taiwan		4*	-
Canada		2*	-
Macao		1	1
Malaysia		1*	-

[#] 17 cases imported from Mainland China and the latest case is still under investigation

* All cases imported from Mainland China

Table 4. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Province / Region / Municipality	City / District / Area	Age (years)	Sex	Condition at time of reporting	Date of report
New cases	-	0(0)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5. Cumulative number of confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H5N6) since 2014 and since November 2016 respectively

Confirmed H5N6 human cases have been reported in the following countries / areas		Cumulative no. of cases since 2014 (16 cases in total) (as of December 31, 2016)	Cumulative no. of cases since November 2016 (2 case in total) (as of December 31, 2016)
Mainland China	Guangdong	6	-
	Hunan	3	1
	Yunnan	2	-
	Anhui	1	-
	Hubei	1	-
	Jiangxi	1*	-
	Sichuan	1	-
	Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region	1	1

* imported case from Guangdong

Table 6. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1)

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Details
New cases	-	0(0)	-

For the cumulative no. of human cases by place, please refer to [WHO](#) website.

Table 7. Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / NHFPC since 2003 (by onset date) [§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	73	48	62	32	39	52	145	10	856
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	24	34	20	25	22	42	3	452
Case fatality rate	100%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75.0%	43.8%	50.0%	54.8%	62.5%	64.1%	42.3%	29.0%	30.0%	52.8%

[§] Further breakdown by countries is available at [WHO](#) website

Table 8. Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO / NHFPC since 2003 (by date of reporting)

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to December 2016)	No. of recent cases [^] (September 2016 to December 2016)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	8	0
Cambodia	56	0
Canada	1	0
Mainland China	53	0
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	356	2
Indonesia	199	0
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	127	0
Overall	856	2

[^] Details of recent cases (September 2016 to December 2016) are listed in *Table 9*.

Table 9. Details of the recent confirmed human cases of avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO (September 2016 to December 2016) (Sources: WHO)

Date of report	Country	Province / Region	District / City	Sex	Age	Outcome at the time of reporting
3/10/2016	Egypt	Fayoum	-	M	3	Fatal
3/10/2016	Egypt	Giza	-	F	3	Fatal

Table 10. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A infections other than avian influenza A(H5N1 / H5N6 / H7N9) reported in the past 6 months

	Place of occurrence	No. of cases (No. of deaths)	Details
In this reporting period	-	-	-
Previously reported cases (onset in the past 6 months)	Mainland China	5(0)	Avian influenza A(H9N2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Guangdong Province: A 4-year-old girl with onset on June 10, 2016; a 3-year-old boy with onset on July 9, 2016; and a 29-year-old woman with onset on August 8, 2016. ▫ Yunnan Province: A 10-month-old boy with onset on August 7, 2016. ▫ Jiangxi Province: A 4-year-old girl with onset on August 2, 2016.

Table 11. Hong Kong: Confirmed reports of avian influenza A(H5) or avian influenza A(H7N9) in poultry / wild birds since 2014

	No. of reports of H5 in poultry / wild birds	No. of reports of H7N9 in poultry / wild birds	Details
In this reporting period	0	0	-
Previously reported cases since 2014	8*	3 [#]	-

- * [Carcass of a peregrine falcon found in Yuen Long on April 9, 2015 \(H5N6\)](#)
[Carcass of an oriental magpie robin found in Sai Kung on April 29, 2015 \(H5N6\)](#)
[Carcass of an oriental magpie robin found in Kwai Chung on November 17, 2015 \(H5N6\)](#)
[Carcass of a great egret found in Wong Tai Sin on December 31, 2015 \(H5N6\).](#)
[Chicken carcass found in Tuen Mun on February 14, 2016 \(H5N6\)](#)
[Chicken carcass found in Tai O on February 18, 2016 \(H5N6\)](#)
[Samples of faecal droppings collected at Mai Po Nature Reserve on November 25, 2016 \(H5N6\)](#)
[A sample of faecal droppings collected at Mai Po Nature Reserve on November 30, 2016 \(H5N6\)](#)
- # [Samples from a batch of live chickens imported from a registered poultry farm in Shunde District of Foshan City in Guangdong were tested positive for H7N9 virus on January 27, 2014.](#)
[Samples from a consignment of live chickens from a registered farm in Huicheng District of Huizhou in Guangdong were tested positive for H7N9 virus on December 30, 2014.](#)
[A sample of faecal droppings of live poultry taken from a poultry stall in Yan Oi Market in Tuen Mun was tested positive for H7N9 virus on June 5, 2016.](#)

Table 12. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed avian influenza A(H5), A(H7N9) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples reported in this week – number of reports for various subtypes of virus

Subtype of virus	No. of reports
H5	2
H5N6	3
H5N8	6

Table 13. Outside Hong Kong: Confirmed avian influenza A(H5), A(H7N9) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds / environmental samples reported in this week – details of reports

Places of occurrence	Details	OIE Report Date
Japan	Samples from poultry in Kumamoto were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N6).	December 26, 2016
India	Samples from poultry and birds in Orissa were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N8).	December 27, 2016
China	Samples from poultry in Sichuan and Xinjiang were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N6).	December 28, 2016 (two reports)
Bulgaria	Samples from poultry in Plovdiv were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5).	December 28, 2016
Netherlands	Samples from poultry and birds in Gelderland, Zuid-Holland, Noord-Holland, Friesland, Utrecht, Groningen and Overijssel were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N8).	December 28, 2016 (two reports)
Finland	Samples from birds in Ahvenanmaan Maakunta were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N8).	December 28, 2016
Poland	Samples from poultry in Lubuskie and Swietokrzyskie were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N8).	December 28, 2016
Slovakia	Samples from poultry in Bratislava were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5).	December 29, 2016
Hungary	Samples from poultry in Bács-Kiskun, Csongrád, Békés, Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok and Hajdú-Bihar were tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N8).	December 29, 2016

For cumulative reports of avian influenza A(H5), A(H7N9) or other highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry / wild birds, please refer to the [OIE](#) website.

Table 14. Countries / areas with documented avian influenza A (H7N9) or highly pathogenic avian influenza (including H5 and other subtypes) cases in the recent 6 months (including infections in humans/birds and relevant environmental samples) (as of January 3, 2017)

Country/ Area	Human cases		Poultry cases / environmental samples		Wild bird cases / others	
	Subtype of virus	Date of last report	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)
Algeria	-	-	-	-	H7	02/11/2016 (H7N1)
Austria	-	-	H5	11/11/2016 (H5N8)	H5	01/12/2016 (H5N8)
Bhutan	-	-	H5	24/10/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	H5	28/12/2016*	H5	22/12/2016*
Cameroon	-	-	H5	14/09/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Cote D'Ivoire	-	-	H5	03/10/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Croatia	-	-	-	-	H5	18/11/2016 (H5N8)
Denmark	-	-	H5	21/11/2016 (H5N8)	H5	22/12/2016 (H5N8)
Egypt	H5N1	19/07/2016	Endemic	Endemic	H5	30/11/2016 (H5N8)
Finland	-	-	-	-	H5	28/12/2016 (H5N8)
France	-	-	H5	25/07/2016 (H5N1) 09/08/2016 (H5N2) 23/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	23/12/2016 (H5N8)
Germany	-	-	H5	27/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	21/12/2016 (H5N8)
Ghana	-	-	H5	23/11/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Greece	-	-	-	-	H5	23/12/2016 (H5N8)
Hong Kong	H7N9	19/12/2016 [#]	H7	05/06/2016 (H7N9)	H5	08/12/2016 (H5N6)
Hungary	-	-	H5	29/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	04/11/2016 (H5N8)
India	-	-	H5	25/11/2016 (H5N8) 27/12/2016 (H5N1)	H5	09/11/2016 (H5N8) 27/12/2016 (H5N1)
Indonesia	-	-	Endemic	Endemic	-	-
Iran	-	-	H5	18/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	18/12/2016 (H5N8)
Iraq	-	-	H5	25/07/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Israel	-	-	H5	25/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	25/12/2016 (H5N8)
Japan	-	-	H5	26/12/2016 (H5N6)	H5	21/11/2016 (H5N6)
Korea	-	-	H5	07/09/2016 (H5N8) 02/12/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Laos	-	-	H5	14/10/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Lebanon	-	-	H5	14/06/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Macau	H7N9	13/12/2016	H7	13/12/2016 (H7N9)	-	-
Mainland China						
Anhui	H7N9	22/12/2016	-	-	-	-
Beijing	H7N9	03/06/2016	-	-	-	-
Fujian	H7N9	22/12/2016	-	-	-	-
Gansu	-	-	H5	08/10/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Guangdong	H7N9	09/11/2016	-	-	-	-
Guangxi	H5N6	08/11/2016	-	-	-	-
Guizhou	-	-	H5	31/08/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Hebei	H7N9	12/08/2016	-	-	-	-
Henan	H7N9	21/07/2016 [^]	-	-	-	-
Hubei	-	-	H5	08/10/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Hunan	H5N6 H7N9	18/11/2016 29/12/2016	H5	20/06/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Jiangsu	H7N9	22/12/2016 [^]	-	-	-	-
Jiangxi	H7N9	03/01/2017	-	-	-	-
Liaoning	H7N9	17/06/2016	-	-	-	-
Shanghai	H7N9	29/12/2016	-	-	-	-
Sichuan	-	-	H5	28/12/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Tianjin	H7N9	15/06/2016	-	-	-	-
Xinjiang	-	-	H5	28/12/2016 (H5N6)	-	-
Zhejiang	H7N9	06/10/2016	-	-	-	-
Mexico	-	-	H7	01/06/2016 (H7N3)	-	-
Montenegro	-	-	-	-	H5	22/12/2016 (H5N5)
Netherlands	-	-	H7 and H5	10/06/2016 (H7N9) 28/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	14/12/2016 (H5N5) 28/12/2016 (H5N8)
Niger	-	-	H5	02/06/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Nigeria	-	-	H5	28/11/2016 (H5N1) 17/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	17/12/2016 (H5N8)
Poland	-	-	H5	28/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	23/12/2016 (H5N8)
Romania	-	-	-	-	H5	21/12/2016 (H5N8)

Country/ Area	Human cases		Poultry cases / environmental samples		Wild bird cases / others	
	Subtype of virus	Date of last report	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)	Subtype of virus	Date of last report (Subtype in this report)
Russia	-	-	H5	08/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	16/12/2016*
Serbia	-	-	H5	16/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	06/12/2016 (H5N8)
Slovakia	-	-	H5	29/12/2016*	-	-
Sweden	-	-	H5	22/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	27/12/2016 (H5N8)
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	H5	21/12/2016 (H5N8)
Taiwan	-	-	H5	17/10/2016 (H5N2) 23/12/2016 (H5N8)	-	-
Togo	-	-	H5	25/08/2016 (H5N1)	-	-
Tunisia	-	-	-	-	H5	01/12/2016 (H5N8)
Ukraine	-	-	H5	17/12/2016*	H5	17/12/2016*
United Kingdom	-	-	H5	17/12/2016 (H5N8)	H5	22/12/2016 (H5N8)
United States of America	-	-	-	-	H5	26/08/2016 (H5N2)
Vietnam	-	-	H5	01/07/2016 (H5N6) 02/10/2016 (H5N1)	-	-

Sources: WHO, OIE, NHFPC and other official websites # imported case from Guangdong ^ exported case to Anhui & exported case to Shanghai * without further subtype information