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## Israel

### Poultry and Products

#### Bird Flu - 1/3/08

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**Report Highlights:**

On January 3rd, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) confirmed that a case of Avian Influenza (H5N1) was detected at a Binyamina kindergarten petting zoo in northern part of Israel. Out of the 32 birds in the zoo, 18 chickens were found dead on the morning of January 3rd. The rest were destroyed by the Israeli Veterinary Services. As part of the Government's immediate response, all birds within the "first circle (3 km from infected site) will be destroyed.

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On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Israeli Veterinary and Animal Health Services (IVAHS) with the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) confirmed that a case of Avian Influenza (H5N1) was found at Binyamina kindergarten petting zoo in the northern part of Israel. This is the first case of confirmed H5N1 in poultry since the outbreak of Avian Influenza in Israel in March 2006. Up till now, no AI human cases have been reported in the area.

Out of the 32 birds in the petting zoo (20 chickens, 8 ducks and 4 pigeons), 18 chickens were found dead on the morning of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the rest (14) were destroyed by the Israeli Veterinary Services.

While writing this report 2 other farms of grand parent stock were found suspicious for AI within the 10 kilometers from the first case of bird flu at the kindergarten in Binyamina.

In order to prevent the spread of the infection, all birds within the "first circle" (3 km from infected site) will be destroyed. All suspected farms are been monitored and removal of poultry was prohibited from the areas surrounding the infected site within a 10 km radius. Side roads in the area were closed by police and Ministry of Agriculture officials are inspecting the traffic on the main roads.

#### **Annex 1: AI Site in Israel**

