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Report Name: China Notifies HPAI outbreak in Beijing Wild Swans

Country: China - People's Republic of

Post: Beijing

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Report Highlights:

On February 8, 2021, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on February 1, 2021, China detected highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 subtype in wild swans in a nature park in Beijing. China also notified this HPAI outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and is monitoring the situation.

General Information:

On February 8, 2021, MARA notified the U.S. Embassy that on February 1, 2021, swans were found with HPAI H5N8 subtype in the Yuanmingyuan Heritage Park in Haidian District of Beijing. The 15 susceptible swans, of which 3 were sick, and 3 died. The outbreak is ongoing and China is monitoring the situation. China [notified the OIE](#) of this outbreak.

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Fax information by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

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Subject: Notification of Avian Influenza in Mainland China

An outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N8 subtype occurred in wild swans in Haidian District of Beijing. The details are as follows.

1. Outbreak location: Yuanmingyuan Heritage Park in Haidian District of Beijing.
2. Date of confirmation (of HPAI): February 1, 2021
3. Sick animals: number of susceptible animals: 15, of which 3 sick animals, 3 died
4. Diagnosis:
Name of diagnostic laboratory: National AI Reference Laboratory
Diagnostic measure: Fluorescence PCR, viral isolation
Pathogen: H5N8 subtype
5. Control measures: After the outbreak, the local authorities immediately activated the emergency response mechanism and took emergency response actions. The surrounding environment has been disinfected and decontaminated. All sick and dead swans have been destroyed.

Attachments:

No Attachments.