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Report Name: China notifies HPAI outbreak in Jiangsu wild birds

Country: China - People's Republic of

Post: Beijing

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Report Highlights:

On February 21, 2021, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on February 4, 2021, China detected highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 subtype in wild birds in a scenic area in Lianyungang City. China also notified this HPAI outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and is monitoring the situation.

General Information:

On February 21, 2021, MARA notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on February 4, 2021, China detected HPAI H5N8 subtype in Lianyungang City in Jiangsu Province. There were 647 susceptible wild birds, of which 17 were sick, and 17 died. 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 on wild birds in Lianyungang City of Jiangsu Province. The details are as follows.

1. Outbreak location: Yuntaishan scenic area in Lianyungang City of Jiangsu Province.
2. Date of confirmation (of HPAI): February 4th, 2021
3. Sick animals: number of inhabited animals: approximately 647 wild birds, of which 17 sick animals, 17 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 wild birds have been destroyed.

Attachments:

No Attachments.