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Germany

Poultry and Products

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Germany confirmed 2003

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Report Highlights:
Presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Germany has been confirmed.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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This is a follow-up on GAIN report GM3013 "Avian Influenza Suspected in Germany", dated May 9, 2003.

The presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Germany has been confirmed

Today, German officials confirmed that "in accordance with today's results of the Federal Research Center for Virus Diseases of Animals, Island of Riems, highly pathogenic influenza was detected in Germany.

The sequencing of a fragment of the gene region, coding for haemagglutinin, resulted in the following amino acid sequence at the cleavage site for detected influenza virus subtype H7:PEIPKRRRR*GLF -

This sequence section fully corresponds to the current virus of the disease in the Netherlands. The result, i.e. several basis amino acids at the cleavage site, shows that the virus is a highly pathogenic virus considered to be the agent causing highly pathogenic avian influenza."