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Report Highlights:

On May 18, 2006, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) announced the first detection of highly pathogen H5N1 avian influenza in domestic poultry in Denmark.

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On May 18, 2006, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) announced the first detection of highly pathogen H5N1 avian influenza in domestic poultry in Denmark.

The detection was made in a backyard poultry flock near the city of Kerteminde on the Island of Funen (approximately 140 kilometers west of Copenhagen). The holding consisted of 102 poultry (41 ducks, 51 chickens, 5 geese, 3 guinea fowls and 2 peacocks). The disease killed 47 of the birds. The remaining 55 birds were culled on May 18, 2006.

The initial detection was made using PCR testing. The presence of H5N1 was confirmed through sequencing of the virus at the Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research.

DVFA has established quarantine and surveillance zones around the holding. The authorities have implemented the necessary quarantine measures in accordance with Commission Decision 2006/135/EC, including the establishment of A and B areas around the site.

Information is available online at the website of the DVFA, which is updated daily on the AI situation in Denmark. The address is: www.fvst.dk (available in English by clicking on the prompt).

Danish poultry production in 2005 was estimated at 202,200 tons. Exports amounted to 113,334 tons, of which 72,171 tons were exported to other EU member states and the balance to non-EU countries.

Although Denmark will try to limit the impact of this development on Danish poultry trade, it is expected that countries outside the EU might react to this outbreak with full or partial bans on trade in poultry and poultry products from Denmark. In 2005, Denmark exported 41,173 tons of poultry and poultry products to non-EU countries with a value of \$67 million. South Korea was the major market, taking 16,200 tons at a value of \$31 million. Other major non-EU markets were the United Arab Emirates with 8,248 tons at a value of \$11 million and Malaysia with 5,600 tons at a value of \$6 million.