



To whom it may concern

Date: 10 July 2018  
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Dear Madam, Sir,

AVINED is the overarching poultry association for the Kingdom of the Netherlands. AVINED is the official intermediary between The Dutch MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE and the Dutch poultry industry and traders.

Today the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture declared via the OIE that the NETHERLANDS is OFFICIALLY FREE from Notifiable Avian Influenza (Both HPAI and LPAI) in accordance with the OIE. Enclosed you can find the announcement issued by the Ministry of Agriculture in the Netherlands.

Also on the website of the OIE you can verify our current AI status.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be 'B. Dellaert', written over a horizontal line.

Ir. B. Dellaert, Director



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Date **10 JUL 2018**  
Re 2018 HPAI event in the Netherlands resolved as of July 10

Dear Mr Dellaert,

Between December of 2017 and March of 2018, the Netherlands faced three outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N6 in commercial poultry holdings. These outbreaks had severe implications for the export of poultry and poultry products to non-EU countries.

The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (the OIE Code), Article 10.4.3 on avian influenza, states that the free status can be regained three months after a stamping-out policy including disinfection of all affected establishments has been applied, providing that surveillance has been carried out.

The final cleaning and disinfection took place on April 10, 2018. Having met the conditions of the OIE Code, the final report on the outbreak has been submitted to the OIE. By doing so, the Netherlands has regained its AI free status as per July 10, 2018 and the event is considered resolved.

I trust this information will be useful in the resumption of trade in poultry and poultry products.

Kind regards,

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