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Report Highlights:

On June 19, 2012, the Government of India notified the World Organisation for Animal Health of notifiable avian influenza freedom in Meghalaya State. This notification follows an outbreak centered in Williamnagar, Meghalaya that was first reported on January 13, 2012. This is the first time that India has declared AI freedom for a particular region, rather than the entire country.

General Information:

India declares Meghalaya State free from NAI: On June 7, 2012, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Government of India (GOI), issued a notification declaring Meghalaya State free from notifiable avian influenza (NAI). The notification is available on DADF's website and can be accessed at: [India declares Meghalaya NAI free](#). This was followed by the GOI's notification to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on June 19, 2012, of Meghalaya NAI freedom. The OIE notification can be accessed at: [June 19, 2012 OIE notification](#).

Meghalaya's 2012 HPAI Outbreak: On January 13, 2012, India reported a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak to the OIE ([January 13, 2012 OIE report](#)). The outbreak was detected in a government-operated poultry farm near Williamnagar in Meghalaya State. The outbreak killed more than 2,700 birds and more than 20,000 birds were considered susceptible to the disease. In response, the Meghalaya government carried out measures as per the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries' "[Action Plan of Animal Husbandry For Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza](#)." The final disinfection procedure at the outbreak site was completed on January 21, 2012. No further evidence of the presence of HPAI has been reported from the state of Meghalaya. Therefore, with effect from April 23, 2012, India declared Meghalaya free from NAI.

India declares regional NAI freedom: This is the first time that India has declared regional AI freedom for a particular region, rather than the entire country.