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Report Name: China Notifies HPAI outbreak in Shandong Wild Swans

Country: China - Peoples Republic of

Post: Beijing

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Report Highlights:

On January 28, 2021, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on January 19, 2021, China detected highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 subtype in wild swans in a nature park in Shandong Province. Shandong province is one of the largest poultry production provinces in China. China also notified this HPAI outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and is monitoring the situation.

General Information:

On January 28, 2021, MARA notified the U.S. Embassy that on January 19, 2021, swans were found with HPAI H5N8 subtype in the Yellow River Delta Natural Reserve in Dongying City, Shandong Province. The 249 susceptible swans, of which 35 were sick, and 35 died. The outbreak is ongoing and China is monitoring the situation. China [notified the OIE](#) of this outbreak.

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January 28, 2021

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 in wild swans in Dongying City of Shandong Province. The details are as follows.

1. Outbreak location: Yellow River Delta Natural Reserve in Dongying City of Shandong Province.
2. Date of confirmation (of HPAI): January 19, 2021
3. Sick animals: number of susceptible animals: 249, of which 35 sick animals, 35 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 swans have been destroyed.

Attachments:

No Attachments.