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**Subject:** **Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N8 in Germany – Lifting of veterinary restrictions in the district of Emsland, Lower Saxony**

**Message:**

Please find attached information from the German authorities on the negative testing results for avian influenza virus in all poultry holdings located in the surveillance zone that had been established around an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in a duck holding in Neubörgel, Emsland, Lower Saxony (see fax 044/2014 of 21/12/2014).

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours faithfully,

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