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Czech Republic confirms 1st case of H5 avian influenza in a dead swan

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Report Highlights: On March 27, 2006, the State Veterinary Administration (SVA) of the Czech Republic confirmed that one swan that died on March 20 near Hluboka nad Vltavou in Southern Bohemia tested positive for Avian Influenza H5.

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On March 27, 2006, the State Veterinary Administration (SVA) of the Czech Republic confirmed that one swan that died on March 20 near Hluboka nad Vltavou in Southern Bohemia tested positive for Avian Influenza H5. SVA is still waiting for confirmation of the second test for N1, which will be known on Wednesday, March 29. However, the expectation that it will be positive is very high.

SVA is undertaking safeguard measures as required by the EU and as introduced by other EU countries that have been affected by the highly pathogenic H5N1 type virus:

Within 3 kilometers of where the birds were found:

- Control of traffic in the 3-kilometer radius.
- live poultry or poultry meat may leave the area.
- All poultry and birds in captivity must be housed.
- Authorities will maintain increased animal health inspections and continuous communication with farmers.

Within 10 kilometers:

- Bird hunting is prohibited.
- Movement of live poultry and poultry products will be kept under increased surveillance.

Two weeks ago the Czech Ministry of Agriculture sent out a flyer to all households with information on avian influenza, what it is, what to do and not to do, how to protect oneself etc. The State Veterinary Administration set up a special web page with AI information.