HPAI Response
Zoning for Non-Poultry Infected Premises
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Please note: These procedures may be revised as the situation develops.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
This document provides policy for implementing zones around non-poultry premises infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) notification of infection of birds other than poultry, including wild birds, with HPAI does not affect the HPAI status of a country or zone. An OIE Member Country should not impose bans on the international trade of poultry commodities in response to notifications of HPAI infection in non-poultry premises. Therefore, the area surrounding a non-poultry infected premises is not considered an infected zone, and movement controls are not required for premises other than infected, contact, and suspect premises. However, surveillance and outreach activities should occur in the area to detect new cases rapidly, provide evidence of freedom of disease, and demonstrate that non-poultry premises are not implicated in virus transmission.

DEFINITIONS
Infected premises: Premises where a presumptive positive case or confirmed positive case of HPAI exists based on laboratory results, compatible clinical signs, HPAI case definition, and international standards.

Non-poultry: Birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, are not considered poultry, if they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.¹

Poultry: All birds reared or kept in captivity to produce any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity.¹

Surveillance zone: An area surrounding a non-poultry infected premises where targeted poultry surveillance may be conducted. The perimeter of the Surveillance Zone should be at least 10 km (~6.21 miles) beyond the non-poultry infected premises. The Surveillance Zone is part of the Free Area.

EXAMPLES OF NON-POULTRY PREMISES
• Premises with pet birds and birds kept for shows, racing, exhibitions, competitions, zoological collection, and for breeding or for sale for these purposes.
• Non-commercial backyard flocks with birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, if they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities.¹

¹ As defined by the OIE, www.oie.int.
**Surveillance Zones around Non-Poultry Infected Premises**

During the initial 72 hours after confirmation of a case of HPAI on a non-poultry premises:
- Determine the boundary of the Surveillance Zone. The perimeter of the Surveillance Zone should be at least 10 km (~6.21 miles) beyond the perimeter of the non-poultry infected premises.
- Implement a surveillance plan for the Surveillance Zone based on existing HPAI Response and Policy information on surveillance for backyard and commercial flocks around infected premises.
- Do not establish a Control Area. Do not initiate movement controls within the Surveillance Zone for premises other than infected, contact, or suspect premises. The non-poultry infected premises will be quarantined but is still part of the Free Area (as is the Surveillance Zone).

Continue surveillance activities for 14 days after the last infected premises in the Surveillance Zone has been depopulated and the compost pile has been set (capped), or mortality buried, or mortality removed from premises for appropriate disposal.

If there has been no positive diagnostic result for HPAI in the Surveillance Zone for 14 days since depopulation and disposal was completed on the last infected premises, cease surveillance activities and discontinue the Surveillance Zone.

The figure below shows a timeline for forming and discontinuing the Surveillance Zone.

The Surveillance Zone may be discontinued prior to the date in which restocking is allowed and the quarantine released on the non-poultry infected premises. Information on Infected Premises timeline, eligibility, and approval for restocking and quarantine release is provided in separate guidance and can be found at [www.aphis.usda.gov/fadprep](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/fadprep).