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## ANNEX IV

(referred to in Article 15(2), Article 32(2) and Article 42(2))

### MAIN CRITERIA AND RISK FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE DECISION TO APPLY MEASURES IN CONTACT HOLDINGS OR HOLDINGS AND AREAS AT RISK IN THE FURTHER RESTRICTED ZONES

<b>Indicative criteria</b>	
<b>For depopulation</b>	<b>Against depopulation</b>
Clinical signs suggesting avian influenza in contact holdings	No clinical signs suggesting avian influenza on the contact holdings and no epidemiological link
High susceptibility of predominant poultry species	Low susceptibility of predominant poultry species
Movement of poultry or other captive birds from holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed to contact holdings after the likely time of introduction of virus on to those infected holdings	No known movement of poultry or other captive birds from the holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed to contact holdings after the likely time of introduction of virus on to those infected holdings
Location of contact holdings in an area with a high density of poultry	Location of contact holdings in an area with a low density of poultry
Disease has been present for some time with likely spreading of virus from the holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed before application of eradication measures	Disease present but with limited spreading of virus from the holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed before application of eradication measures
Location of contact holdings within 500 metres <sup>a</sup> of the holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed	Location of contact holdings more than 500 metres <sup>a</sup> from the holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed
The contact holdings are linked to more than one holding where avian influenza has been confirmed	The contact holdings are not linked to holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed
The epidemic is not under control and the number of holdings where avian influenza has been confirmed is rising	The epidemic is under control

<sup>a</sup> In cases where poultry density is very high, a greater distance must be considered.