

Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC

CHAPTER IV

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

SECTION 3

Measures to be applied in protection zones

Article 26

Derogation for the direct transport of hatching and table eggs

1 By way of derogation from Article 22, the competent authority may authorise the direct transport of hatching eggs either from any holding to a hatchery located, in the protection zone and designated by the competent authority ('the designated hatchery') or, subject to the following conditions, from a holding located in the protection zone to any designated hatchery:

- a the parent flocks from which the hatching eggs are derived have been examined in accordance with the diagnostic manual and avian influenza is not suspected on these holdings;
- b the hatching eggs and their packaging are disinfected before dispatch and the tracing back of these eggs can be ensured;
- c the hatching eggs are transported in vehicles sealed by the competent authority or under its supervision;
- d biosecurity measures are applied in the designated hatchery in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

2 By way of derogation from Article 22, the competent authority may authorise the direct transport of eggs:

- a to a packing centre designated by the competent authority ('the designated packing centre'), provided that they are packed in disposable packaging and that all biosecurity measures required by the competent authority are applied;
- b to an establishment for the manufacture of egg products as set out in Chapter II of Section X of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 to be handled and treated in accordance with Chapter XI of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004; or
- c for disposal.