

Questionnaire: For the countries wishing to export live poultry, hatching eggs, fresh poultry meat, meat preparations and / or meat products to India from zones/ compartment free from Avian Influenza.

Name of the Country:

Name of the Veterinary Authority:

General area/specific question/information required	Competent Authority response
Part I: Animal Health;	
1. Veterinary Services Animal Health	
1.1. Organisation of veterinary services (short organisational chart)	
1.2. Number of veterinarians employed in the Animal Health Services.	
1.3. Number of veterinarians employed in the Head Office of the Animal Health Services	
1.4. Number of veterinarians employed in the regional and/or district Animal Health Services.	
1.5. List by region, state and district the number of official veterinarians dealing, full-time or part-time, with poultry.	
1.6. Number of para-veterinary technicians employed by the veterinary services	
2. Animal Health Legislation	
2.1. List the official names of laws and regulations governing the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases with particular reference to Avian Influenza.	
2.2. Which species are covered by the definition for "poultry" in this legislation?	
2.3. Do laws exist which require the reporting of Avian Influenza to veterinary.	
2.4. If so, please provide a copy of such legislation.	
2.5. In relation to Avian Influenza do laws exist which require veterinary authorities to:	
2.5.1. Quarantine or isolate birds and/or premises on suspicion of Avian Influenza?	
2.5.2. Establish of control zones,	
2.5.3. Destroy and dispose of the carcasses of animals infected with Avian Influenza?	
2.5.4. Destroy or clean and disinfect premises contaminated with the agents of such diseases?	
2.5.5. Compensate owners for property destroyed by the above activities?	
Describe, for each of the above points, the main provisions of the legislation, it may be added to the file with the relevant articles or chapters specified where it is felt that this will	

clarify the situation.	
2.6. Swill feeding of poultry	
2.6.1. Do regulations exist for the control of feeding poultry with waste (e.g. from kitchens, slaughterhouses or international transport waste)?	
2.6.2. Is there a special surveillance system in place for holdings concerned that feed poultry with waste?	
2.7. Approval of holdings	
2.7.1. Describe the legislation in place for the licensing, approval or registration of hatcheries and breeding flocks or holdings, if any	
2.7.2. Specify the statutory provisions concerning hygiene, programmes for tracing and controlling diseases which apply on such holdings or hatcheries (in particular regarding Avian Influenza)	
2.7.3. Describe, for each of these programmes, the screening methods used (age of animals tested, frequency, test used, measures taken in case of positive results, etc.)	
2.7.4. Specify the provisions concerning the procedures for withdrawing any licence or approval	
2.8. Do contingency plans for avian influenza exist, which give clear instructions how to deal with a disease outbreak indicating the direct access to facilities, equipment, personnel and all other appropriate materials necessary for the rapid and efficient eradication of an outbreak?	
2.9. Have simulation exercises also involving the public and the media been carried out in order to increase preparedness and general awareness for possible major epidemics?	
3. The Laboratory Network	
3.1. name and address of the national Veterinary Laboratory for Avian Influenza with name of the director	
3.2. Number of other official veterinary laboratories and their name and addresses	
3.3. Indicate the number and grades of staff in official veterinary laboratories	
3.4. Please indicate, for each of these laboratories, their capabilities for disease diagnosis (which laboratories are able and authorised to carry out diagnostic tests for avian influenza, and which tests do they use?)	
3.5. Describe the procedures in place for monitoring the performances of these laboratories, such as accreditation, GLP	

and/or proficiency testing	
4 The structure of the poultry industry	
4.1. Integration level of poultry industry	
4.1.1. Is the poultry industry fully or partially integrated (integration level)?	
4.1.2. Is this restricted to certain species or categories of poultry?	
4.2. Integrated companies	
4.2.1. Explain the general structure(s) of integrated companies	
4.2.2. Do the integrated companies have their own veterinarians and veterinary laboratories?	
4.2.3. If so, are practitioners and other veterinary laboratories excluded from attending to establishments owned by the integrated companies?	
4.3. Animal health programmes of the industry	
5.3.1. Does the poultry industry have its own (private) animal health programmes (guidance, health monitoring, vaccinations, etc.)	
4.3.2. Please also specify for ratites separately	
4.3.3. If so, are these programmes monitored by the relevant competent authorities?	
4.3.4. Are such programmes subject to official approval by these authorities?	
4.4. Please explain the approval procedures for export to India for breeding establishments and hatcheries, their control programmes and official surveillance in place	
4.5. Please explain the withdrawal procedures of approval and conditions for restoring approval	
5. Notifiable poultry diseases	
5.1. Give the list of notifiable poultry diseases in your country and give a reference to the appropriate legislation	
5.2. Indicate also the species of birds for which these diseases are notifiable	
5.3. For these diseases, describe briefly the statutory notification procedures (who is notifying to whom and within what time period?)	
5.4. which poultry diseases are notified to OIE?	
5.5. Are these disease also notified to neighbouring or other countries (e.g. trading partners)?	
5.6. Indicate the notification frequency for these disease (e.g. immediate, monthly, annually)	

6. Disease and vaccination situation	
6.1. Avian Influenza	
6.1.1. Please indicate the legal definition of avian influenza and give a reference to the appropriate legislation	
6.1.2. What testing procedure and criteria are used to confirm a diagnosis of avian influenza	
6.1.3. What value would be regarded as positive for the I.V.P.I. test if used to measure the pathogenicity of the virus isolated?	
6.1.4. List the regions, states and/or districts, which are considered as free from avian influenza, in accordance with the OIE definition	
6.1.5. Number of outbreaks of avian influenza during each of the last 3 years, for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) – per region and the total for the whole country	
6.1.6. Indicate by region, state or district the date of the last outbreak, mentioning the action taken, and the date of the last vaccination if applicable	
6.1.7. If avian influenza occurs or was to occur, is a stamping-out policy always used or foreseen to be used?	
6.1.8. If a stamping-out policy is not used, describe the measures taken to deal with outbreaks (eg. Partial depopulation, slaughtering for consumption, vaccination)	
6.1.9. Describe briefly any further measures taken in the event of an outbreak of avian influenza (duration of stand-still, radius of surveillance zones, epidemiological inquiry etc.)	
6.1.10. Is the same policy on the control of avian influenza (in particular on compulsory stamping-out) applicable for low pathogenic avian influenza and highly pathogenic avian influenza?	
6.1.11. If not, please describe the differences between the different policies	
6.1.12. Is the same policy on the control of avian influenza (in particular on compulsory stamping-out) applicable both to commercial poultry flocks and back-yard flocks?	
6.1.13. If not, please describe the difference between the different policies	
6.1.14. Is surveillance for avian influenza performed?	
6.1.15. Does it cover poultry, backyard flocks and wild birds?	
6.1.16. Please provide more details on the	

surveillance programme in a separate document	
6.1.17 Please provide list of outbreaks occurred (both LPAI and HPAI) during the year 2016 also with the virus strains.	
6.1.18. Describe briefly the legal rules governing in vaccination against avian influenza. Indicate any difference between commercial and backyard flocks	
6.1.19. If vaccination is not completely prohibited, list the types of vaccines used (inactivated or attenuated, strain etc.) and the principal rules governing the importation, production, control, distribution and use of these vaccines	
6.1.20. Number of poultry vaccinated during each of the last 3 years, per region and/or district	
7. Importation policy	
7.1. Describe briefly the rules governing importation into your country of live poultry, hatching eggs and fresh poultry meat, with reference to legal documents (quarantine requirements, animal health guarantees sought, models of certificates, pre-or post-import testing, etc.)	
7.2. Importation from countries not free from avian influenza	
7.2.1. Are imports allowed from countries or regions, which are not free from avian influenza?	
7.2.2. If such imports are allowed, are they additional guarantees required for such imports?	
7.3. Please list the countries from which imports have taken place for each of the last three years.	
Part III: Public Health	
8. Veterinary Services Public Health	
8.1. Give the same information as asked for in point 2. If the same veterinary service is dealing birth animal and public health, indicate the number of veterinarians and other staff dealing with each field (please provide and organization chart)	
8.2. indicate the working relationships between central, regional and local levels	
8.3. Are control tasks delegated to other bodies (public, semi-public, private)	
9. Veterinary Laboratories Public Health	
9.1 Giver the similar information concerning the veterinary laboratories in the field of public health as requested in point 4	
General Area /specific question/information required	

10. Meat Inspection legislation and procedure	
10.1 List the laws governing poultry meat inspection with a short description of the main points.	
10.2 Indicate the manner in which practical meat inspection is performed.	
10.3 Describe the responsibilities of veterinarians and technical assistants in poultry meat inspection.	
10.4 By whom are the veterinarians and technical assistants carrying out meat inspections paid?	
10.5 Describe the qualifications demanded of technical assistants/meat inspectors	
General area/specific question/information required	
10.6 Describe briefly the hygiene standards required of poultry slaughterhouses, poultry cutting plants and poultry processing plants in your country.	
10.7 Chilling by water immersion	
10.7.1 Is chilling of carcasses, parts of carcasses or offal by immersion in water allowed in the slaughter process used in your country?	
10.7.2 If so, describe the main legislation governing this system.	
10.8 Is authorized to use any substance other than potable water to remove surface contamination from products of animal origin?	
10.9 Please indicate how adherence to the relevant microbiological food safety criteria laid down as per the standards laid down under	
11. Establishments (slaughterhouses-cutting plants-meat product establishments-cold stores)	
<p>11.1 Give a separate documents a list of establishments for poultry meat (slaughterhouses, cutting plants, meat product establishments and cold stores).</p> <p>For each establishment give the number of approval, the address, indicating the state and or district where the establishment is located, and the latitude/longitude of the establishment's location.</p> <p>Please indicate maximum holding period of poultry meat in the cold storage.</p>	

12. Table Eggs	
12.1 Please provide the list layer farms (with name, address and production capacity)	
12.2 What are the control measures used to spread infection with Avian Influenza by these layer farms.	
12.3 How frequent Veterinary Authority inspect these layer farms	
12.4 Number of layer farms affected by Avian Influenza during last three years (HPAI or LPAI), provide name and their address	
12.5 Number of layer farms affected with Avian Influenza during 2016.	
12.6 Whether the layer farms are allowed to carry out AI vaccination?	
12.7 What happened with the eggs when the layer farms are affected with the LPAI?	
12.8 Whether the eggs are allowed to sold in the domestic market collected from the LPAI affected birds?	
12.9 Please provide information if the disinfection of table eggs is carried out during the sourcing of eggs from the layer farms and who monitors such process?	
12.10 How will the country of origin ensure that infection of AI virus will not be spread to the importing country?	
13. Certification System:	
13.1 Provide information on the Certification system:	
13.1 Please provide information how the certification will be done when the consignment will start from the AI free zones /compartments and the consignment will not be opened on the way and will not be mixed with the poultry and poultry products originated from the infected area?	
14. Information of compartments:	
14.1 List of compartments, if any, maintained by the country in accordance with Article 4.4 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code and provide the following information: a) Provide information on 4.4.3 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2016 for each of the establishment. b) Provide information as per article 4.4.4 4.4.5 and 4.4.8 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 2016.	

Note: 1: The terms 'avian influenza'; HPAI; LPAI should be understood in the context of Chapter 10.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Code.

Note 2: Please mention N.A against questions which may not be relevant for response.

Note 3: The Questionnaire to be authenticated by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.