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Subject: **Highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in poultry in the locality of Letavertes in Hungary**

Message:

Please find attached information received from the Hungarian authorities on the confirmation of an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in duck holding (115.000 young ducks), located in locality of Letavertes, in the county of Hajdu-Bihar.

Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC have been implemented including establishing protection and surveillance zones around the outbreak. The killing of the infected flock has started.

I will keep you informed about further developments.

Yours faithfully,

Bernard Van Goethem

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Subject: HPAI primary outbreak in a duck holding in Hungary

Dear Mr. Van Goethem,

Hereby I would like to inform you about the confirmation of highly pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza outbreak in a duck holding in Hajdú-Bihar county around the locality of Létavértes (latitude: 47.387114, longitude: 21.9118493).

In the affected holding 115 548 young ducks have been kept in 11 pens. In all of the pens increased mortality rate has been observed, and the pathological lesions were suspicious. Samples were taken and sent to the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) on 13th January. The HPAI H5N8 strain was confirmed on 14th January.

The epidemiological investigation is ongoing. The most likely source of infection is wild birds. Near the holding there is a lake which is the resting place of the wild birds.

After the confirmation of the disease, depopulation of the holding has been started.

All measures required by national and European Union legislation have been implemented. Restriction zones (3 km radius protection zone and 10 km radius surveillance zone) have been established. The 3 km protection zone and the 10 km surveillance zone overlap Romanian territories. For details please see the attached map.

Census and surveillance have been started in the restricted zones.

Let me also inform you about a secondary outbreak within the area of 1 km radius of the primary outbreak in Komárom-Esztergom county. The affected holding (keeping 20000 fattening turkeys) is the one mentioned in our previous letter within 1 km of the first outbreak, where depopulation had already been started based in suspicion (latitude: 47.690195, longitude: 17.995825). The HPAI H5N8 was confirmed on 14th January by the NRL.

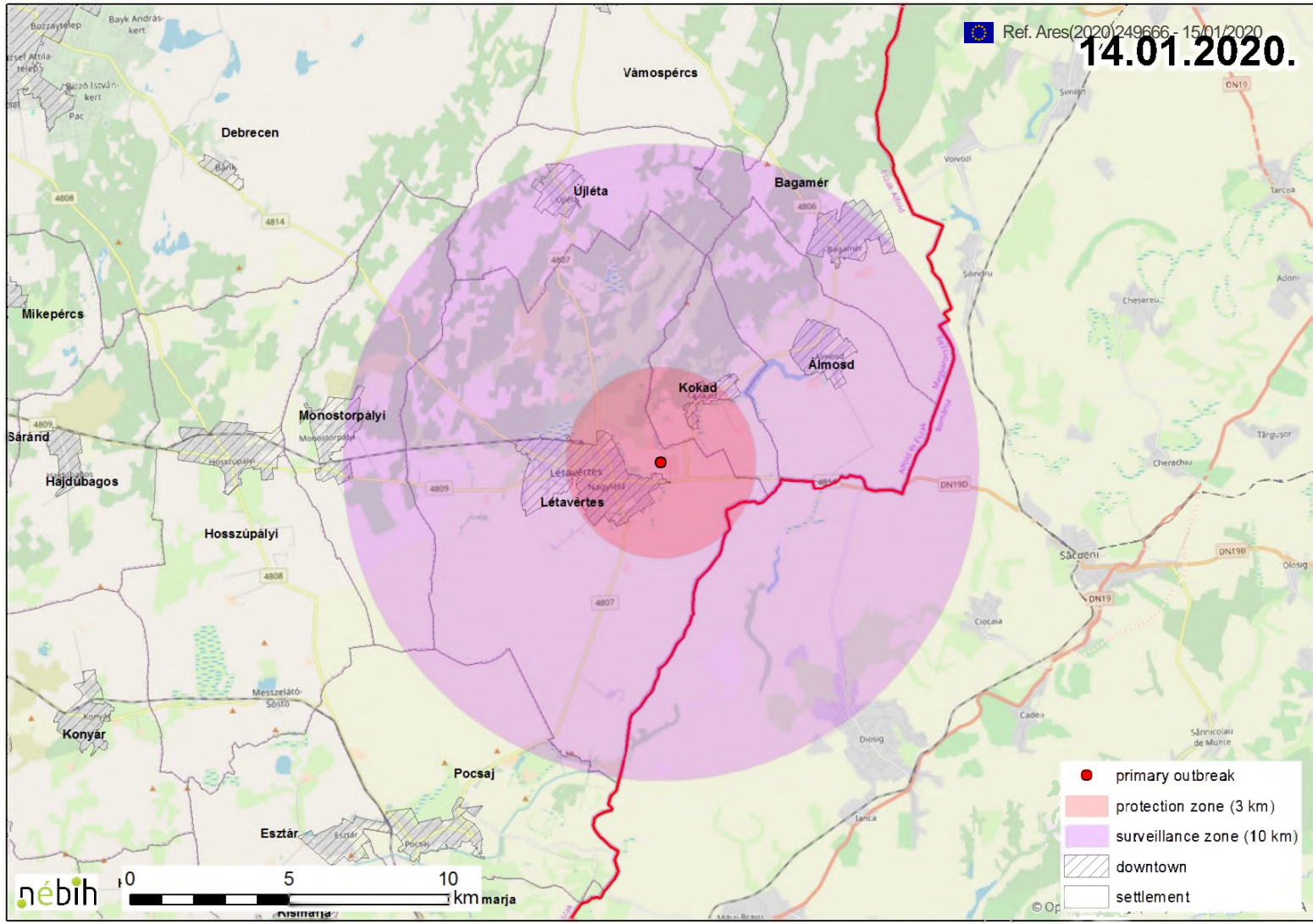
I will keep you informed about any further developments.

Yours sincerely,

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dr. Lajos Bogár



14.01.2020.



- primary outbreak
- protection zone (3 km)
- surveillance zone (10 km)
- downtown
- settlement