

Requirements of the Chief Provincial Veterinarian for Alberta

Pursuant to section 31(5) of the *Animal Health Act*, S.A. 2007, c. A-40.4

(under authority of Ministerial Order 020/2022)

Purpose

1. In order to contain highly pathogenic avian influenza – virus subtype H5N1, a reportable disease under the Reportable and Notifiable Disease Regulation, the Chief Provincial Veterinarian for Alberta has been authorized by Ministerial Order 020/2022 to exercise the powers and authority set out in sections 31(5)(e),(f), (h) and (m) of the *Animal Health Act*.
2. Under that authority, the Chief Provincial Veterinarian is imposing the restrictions, prohibitions and biosecurity requirements set out below.

Definitions

3. For the purpose of these requirements, the following words mean:

“birds” means all living members of the class Aves

“Control Zone” means the control zone established under Ministerial Order 020/2022 and comprising the entire province of Alberta.

“Restricted Birds” means all known bird species that are:

- raised for food purposes,
- raised or used for commercial and noncommercial purposes,
- used for display or show,
- used for zoological purposes,
- owned or kept as pets, or for the purpose of sale as pets,
- used for sport,
- used for protection, or
- housed at wildlife or bird rehabilitation facilities.

Limits on Events for Restricted Birds

4. The Chief Provincial Veterinarian for Alberta prohibits persons within the Control Zone from running, organizing, hosting, holding, transporting or moving birds to the following events for Restricted Birds:
 - a. sales, swaps, shows or any other event where birds from multiple locations are brought to the same location for the purpose of display, sale, purchase or exchange;
 - b. the portion of any agricultural or other fair where birds are exhibited;
 - c. the bringing of birds from multiple locations together at the same location for the purpose of:
 - i. sport,
 - ii. education or
 - iii. vaccination.

5. The Chief Provincial Veterinarian for Alberta prohibits the movement of Restricted Birds into and out of the Control Zone for any of the purposes set out in paragraph 4.
6. For greater certainty, the prohibitions in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, do not apply to:
 - a. normal business carried out at:
 - i. a slaughter operation operating in accordance with provincial or federal legislation;
 - ii. a registered research facility or a licensed supply facility;
 - iii. a permitted wildlife rehabilitation centre;
 - iv. an entity that provides animal rescue/sheltering services;
 - v. pet stores;
 - vi. retail outlets and similar places that sell or distribute live chicks;
 - vii. a premises used by a registered veterinarian to practice veterinary medicine under the *Veterinary Profession Act* (Alberta); and
 - viii. zoos and similar animal experience businesses at the location where the birds are permanently housed.
 - b. any activity where a person is lawfully exercising existing aboriginal or treaty rights

Effective Date and Changes

7. The prohibitions in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, apply from April 28, 2022 to and including June 20, 2022.
8. The prohibitions set out in this document may be revoked or amended, in writing, by the Chief Provincial Veterinarian.
9. The Chief Provincial Veterinarian may establish, in writing, additional requirements and prohibitions under the authority of Ministerial Order 020/2022.

Compliance

9. A person who fails to comply with the prohibitions in paragraph 4 or with any other restriction or requirement imposed by the Chief Provincial Veterinarian under authority of Ministerial Order 020/2022 is guilty of an offence, and liable for penalty, under the Animal Health Act.

Dated this 28 day of April 2022.

Signed:  _____

Dr. Keith Lehman, Chief Provincial Veterinarian