

**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

**SUMMARY OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON ARTICLE 6 (REGIONALIZATION)  
HELD ON 30-31 JANUARY 2006**

Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>

Corrigendum

The following correction is made to the summary report of the special meeting of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures held on 30 and 31 January 2006.

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**X. NETHERLANDS (AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THE NETHERLANDS – OUTBREAK  
2003 - REGIONALIZATION)**

11. The representative of the Netherlands described efforts to manage the 2003 outbreak of H7N7 avian influenza. Both government and the private sector incurred high costs related to the control of this outbreak. The area around the outbreak was split into a protection zone and a surveillance zone in which ~~for 72 hours~~ no movement of animals or feed was allowed. In this case measures were taken on the basis of suspicion of the disease, rather than waiting for confirmation. Effective crisis organization was set up immediately, with a control centre in the Hague and a regional crisis centre to permit measures to be tailored to regional characteristics. Within buffer zones all poultry was culled to avoid disease spread to other areas. AI –free compartments could trade to the EU member states before they achieved official OIE recognition. The response of the Netherlands was effective due to crisis management efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture working in close collaboration with Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defense and police and local authorities, as well as the coordination assistance of the European Commission.

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