

Animal Health Control Area Order

Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

Livestock Branch

Veterinary Unit

ANIMAL HEALTH CONTROL AREA ORDER

Under *The Animal Health Act*

and Regulations

I, Dr. Stephanie Smith, being the Chief Veterinary Officer for Saskatchewan appointed under *The Animal Health Act*, do hereby Order an Animal Health Control Area for the entire province of Saskatchewan effective immediately.

Purpose of the Order

To prevent, detect, control, suppress or mitigate highly pathogenic avian influenza subtype H5N1 by requiring the prohibition of certain commingling events in Saskatchewan.

Affected Animals (species, class or sub-set of animals)

This Order is specific to all known bird species raised for food, display or pets, bird species used for sport, protection, including all commercial and noncommercial poultry, zoological or other display poultry, birds housed at wildlife rehabilitator facilities and personal pet species.

Restrictions on Affected Animals

This Order prohibits the following commingling events for Affected Animals:

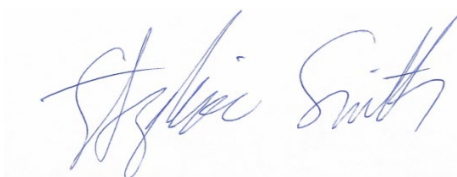
- a. bird shows;
- b. Bird Buy Sell Trade (BST) events, sales or swaps which are locations where birds from multiple locations are brought together and may be exchanged or purchased;
- c. the portion of any agricultural or other fair where birds are exhibited;
- d. a site where birds from multiple locations are brought together for the purpose of sport;

- e. a site where birds are brought from multiple locations for the purpose of education (but does not include the place where the birds are commonly housed);
- f. vaccination gatherings (bringing birds from multiple sources to a single premises for vaccination); and
- g. transport of birds via broker-transporters to attend the events described in clauses (a)-(f).

This Order does not include:

- a. normal business carried out at:
 - i. a slaughter plant operating in accordance with provincial or federal regulation;
 - ii. a registered research facility or a licensed supply facility;
 - iii. a permitted wildlife rehabilitation centre;
 - iv. an entity that provides animal sheltering services;
 - v. pet stores or other permanent retail locations where birds may be bought, sold or traded;
 - vi. retail outlets and similar places that sell or distribute live chicks;
 - vii. an accredited veterinary facility under *The Veterinarians Act*;
 - viii. zoos and similar businesses at the location where the birds are permanently housed.
- b. any activity where a person is lawfully exercising existing aboriginal or treaty rights; and
- c. any other activity specifically exempted under authority of the Chief Veterinary Officer for Saskatchewan.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2022.



Signed: _____

Stephanie Smith, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer of Saskatchewan