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### **China: Confirmed 2 H7N9 human cases**

There were a total of 2 confirmed H7N9 human were reported from:

- Guangdong
  - A girl aged six has tested positive for H7N9 and is hospitalized, the Guangdong Health and Family Planning Commission said in a statement. Her case is described as "mild". [read more](#)
  - A 36-year-old male, lives in Tangxia-zhen (town), Dongguan City. On 6 January diagnosed as H7N9 influenza confirmed case, currently in critical condition, hospitalized in a designated hospital in Dongguan City. [read more](#)

### **China: Hong Kong culls 19,000 birds amid avian flu alert**

Hong Kong culled thousands of chickens Wednesday after the potentially deadly H7N9 bird flu virus was discovered in poultry imported from China, days after a woman was admitted to hospital with the disease. Authorities found the virus in samples taken from 120 chickens imported from the nearby Chinese city of Huizhou and slaughtered nearly 19,000 birds, including 11,800 chickens. "The rapid testing showed... that this batch of chickens carries the H7N9 virus," the city's health minister Ko Wing-man said Wednesday. [read more](#)

### **China: Guangdong culls chickens after H7N9 virus found in exports to Hong Kong**

Authorities in Huizhou in south China's Guangdong province said Friday that it had slaughtered 13,000 chickens on a poultry farm, as its exports to Hong Kong were found to be infected with the deadly H7N9 virus. Hong Kong authorities said on Wednesday that it would cull 15,000 chickens at the Cheung Sha Wan Market following the latest discovery of the deadly H7N9 virus in poultry imported from Guangdong. [read more](#)

### **China: Questions raised on China bird flu test regime**

Hong Kong's detection of the H7N9 bird flu virus in a mainland consignment may have revealed deficiencies in China's testing regime, an international group of infectious disease experts said. "Could the recent discovery of H7N9 be viewed by [Hong Kong authorities] as a potential deficiency in the mainland's testing regime?" asked the International Society for Infectious Diseases on its respected proMed-mail website. [read more](#)

### **China: Confirmed an outbreak of FMD in Anhui**

The Animal Disease Control Centre, Veterinary Bureau reported an outbreak of FMD caused by FMDV serotype A in pig farms in Cihu High Tech District, Maanshan, Anhui to OIE on 6 January 2015 with a total of 926 pigs were dead and destroyed.

### **China: Hong Kong reports imported human rabies death, 1st case in 13 years**

The Hong Kong Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (December 31) investigating an imported death case of rabies affecting a man aged 28. The patient, with good past health, worked in Indonesia. He started to have low back pain since September this year. In early November, he developed low grade fever, loin pain, vomiting and walking difficulty. He returned to Hong Kong on December 1 to seek treatment. He was admitted to Yan Chai Hospital on the same day. He was transferred to Intensive Care Unit on December 8 and passed away on December 22. [read more](#)

### **China: Concern about spread of rabies grows after another case reported in Taiwan**

A new confirmed case of rabies involving a ferret-badger has been detected in southern Taiwan, the Council of Agriculture announced Monday, which worried that the disease may be spreading with the movement of the animal. The COA's Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine said the Kenting National Park Headquarters was informed of a dead masked palm civet and a ferret-badger on Jan. 1 and Jan. 3, respectively. [read more](#)

### **India: 23 cases of dog-bite in 4 days reels under rabies scare in Manipur**

Barely a week after the district administration issued an order for compulsory vaccination of all pet animals particularly dogs in Churachandpur following suspected cases of rabies, there has been a record surge in the number of dog-bite cases with over 23 people seeking treatment since January 1. The startling figure was obtained when The Sangai Express sought information from the Casualty registry of the District Hospital, Churachandpur today. Barely in a span of four days, January 1 to 4, 23 dog-bite cases have been treated by the hospital with 3 cases on January 1, eight cases each on January 2 and 3, and four cases on January 4. Interestingly, the hospital has no dog-bite cases recorded today. [read more](#)

### **Japan: Confirmed one H5N8 outbreak in domestic poultry**

The Animal Health Division reported an outbreak of H5N8 in a broiler breeder farm in Nagato-shi, Yamaguchi to OIE on 30 December 2014. There were a total of 37,017 poultry destroyed and dead. [read more](#)

### **Republic of Korea: Suspected bird flu in meat duck farm in Jeollanam-do**

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, 6 January 2015. An AI in suspected in a meat duck farm (size: 26 000) in Muan County, Jeollanam-do. The local livestock quarantine branch confirmed this based on AI suspected [clinical] signs. The response team first put farmer under movement control measures, in accordance with the AI response manual, epidemiological studies have been conducted for the farmers, and the agri-food section set-up the emergency control centre, to take preventative measures, related mechanisms, if the findings [is positive]. [read more](#)

### **Republic of Korea: First confirmed case of FMD in cattle in Gyeonggi-do farm**

Fast-forward more than four years, and fears are rising again, with more than 30 confirmed cases of the disease in the space of a few weeks, since the first case was confirmed in Chungcheongbuk-do Province early last month. And in a worrying new turn, one cow at a small cattle farm in Anseong, some 80 kilometers south of Seoul, has been confirmed to be infected with FMD. It's the first confirmed case of the disease in a cow since this outbreak

began. Anseong is famous for its livestock industry, with some 400-thousand cattle and pigs at more than one thousand farms. [read more](#)

Concerns over foot-and-mouth disease spreading have escalated across the nation as another suspected case was found in the area surrounding Seoul on Monday, with dozens of cases detected in other regions since last month. Three pigs at a farm in Yongin, Gyeonggi Province, were reported to have shown common symptoms of foot-and-mouth disease, with bleeding and blisters formed on their bodies, the city government said. [read more](#)

#### **Viet Nam: FMD outbreaks occurred in four northern provinces**

Just three days after receiving a cow from the programme in early December, Nguyen Trong Vinh is despondent. His entire herd of 17 healthy cows has been infected with the foot-and-mouth disease. Three cows, including the one that he received as a gift, have died. The livestock farmer, a resident of Trung Village in Thanh Hoa Provinces, said: "My whole herd is very weak and may not make it. I'm on the verge of going broke. All because of that programme cow," Vinh told Nong thon ngay nay (Countryside Today). [read more](#)