

Council Directive 2005/94/EC of 20 December 2005 on Community measures  
for the control of avian influenza and repealing Directive 92/40/EEC

CHAPTER I

**SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS**

*Article 1*

**Subject matter and scope**

- 1 This Directive sets out:
  - a certain preventive measures relating to the surveillance and the early detection of avian influenza and increasing the level of the competent authorities' and the farming community's awareness of, and preparation for, the risks of that disease;
  - b the minimum control measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of avian influenza in poultry or other captive birds and the early detection of possible spread of avian influenza viruses to mammals;
  - c other subsidiary measures to avoid the spread of influenza viruses of avian origin to other species.
- 2 Member States shall remain free to take more stringent measures in the field covered by this Directive.