ASSESSING AVIAN INFLUENZA EXPOSURE RISKS ON POULTRY FARMS



AgSafe Worker Information Sheet

Level of Exposure to Infected Birds	Job Task
Minimal Exposure Tasks / Work Workers with no known contact to avian influenza infected birds / poultry or environments	Jobs that involve handling of apparently healthy birds (unknown avian influenza status), carcasses resulting from normal mortality, faeces, feathers, and bedding that are either; a) At locations within the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) "Control Areas", but beyond the CFIA "Restricted Zone" b) At locations within the CFIA "Infected Zone" or "Restricted Zone" and that have been tested and declared negative for high pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI)
Lower Exposure Tasks / Work Workers who are at risk of exposure to avian influenza infected poultry / birds or environments	Jobs that involve handling of live or dead birds, their faeces, feathers or bedding, or the cleaning and disinfection of contaminated surfaces or equipment in the workplaces that: a) At locations within the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) "Restricted Zone" and where the high pathogenic avian influenza status of the birds is unknown b) Have work activities associated with birds of unknown HPAI status that have clinical illness indicative of HPAI or are strongly suspected of having an epidemiological or ecological link with birds known to be infected with HPAI
High Exposure Tasks / Work Workers exposed to avian influenza infected poultry / birds or environments	Jobs that involve handling of live or dead birds, their faeces, feathers or bedding, or the cleaning and disinfection of contaminated surfaces or equipment in the workplaces that: a) Where HPAI has been detected and the premises has not yet been declared cleaned and disinfected by CFIA b) That are unknown HPAI status but are considered by the CFIA to be high risk of infection c) That are of unknown HPAI status and lie within the CFIA's "Infected Zone"

POULTRY FARM EMPLOYER INSTRUCTIONS

- Please explain the current level of HPAI exposure on farm to your employees and visiting
 contract worker explaining the category of exposure currently present on your farm to ensure
 worker is aware and informed of potential hazard he/she is exposed to as per BC OHSR
 regulations.
- Please ensure workers signs document stating that he/she is aware that currently their farm work exposes them to a minimal/low/high (circle as appropriate) level of exposure to HPAI.



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WORKER & EMPLOYER TO COMPLETE

I have been informed as part of my orientation by my employer/supervisor that my work currently involves **minimal/low/high level (circle as appropriate)** of exposure to high pathogenic avian influenza.

My employer has informed me that I will be supplied with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment and instruct me on relevant safe work procedure to minimise my risk of exposure.

I am also aware that scientific knowledge to date indicates that transmission of high pathogenic avian influenza to humans is not common. I will use the PPE supplied appropriately and follow my farms safe work procedures to minimise exposure.

Worker's Signature:	
Worker's Name (print):	
Date:	
Employer's Signature:	
Employer's Name (print):	
Date:	

