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Report Highlights:

At the beginning of November 2014, a Newcastle Disease outbreak was confirmed on a Romanian poultry farm. Following laboratory confirmation, the Romanian Veterinary Authority applied disease control measures. The source of infection is currently unknown.

General Information:

On November 7th, 2014, the County Veterinary Office in Ialomita (southeast Romania) was notified by the owner of a broiler farm experiencing high mortality rates. A team of veterinarians checked the inventory of about 96,000 birds and confirmed their sickness. The symptoms indicated the likelihood of Newcastle Disease (ND) occurrence, so samples for laboratory confirmation were collected. At the same time, the veterinarians placed sanitary-veterinary restrictions on the poultry farm until the moment of disease confirmation.

According to the National Veterinary Authority, the following day, representatives of the local veterinarian office returned to the poultry farm for further investigation and sampling and noticed that the susceptible poultry inventory was smaller. Consequently the Veterinary Authority alerted all the veterinary county offices at country level regarding a shipment of potentially infected birds. As a result of these warnings, the Veterinary Authority was able to locate the missing shipment of 32,000 birds in a slaughterhouse in another county. The entire quantity of meat resulted from birds slaughtering was seized and later directed for disposal.

On November 12, 2014 the Institute for Diagnosis and Animal Health confirmed the samples tested positive for Newcastle Disease. The National Veterinary Authority undertook all the control measures needed in case of a ND outbreak at the poultry farm, including stamping-out and farm disinfection. The source of infection is unknown, but further investigations are underway.