

**Important communication concerning HPAI**

**To all member organisations of the EE**

**and the Poultry, Pigeon and Birds sections**

On February 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 the European Commission has published

**Decision EU 2017/263 of the Commission of February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**on risk decreasing measures against HPAI**

on its homepage where it can be consulted.

This decision foresees the implementation of high-risk areas against introduction of HPAI viruses. The implementation of this decision will be through national legislation.

The decision is also to be considered as an answer of the European Commission on the request of the EE from January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, to adapt the HPAI legislation to actual situations. However this decision is not sufficient for us.

We advise our member countries to try to get immediately involved in the legal implementation in their country and especially in the process off determination of the high-risk areas.

The determination of such high-risk areas is important for the sections, especially for the choice of locations of shows.

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