

Depopulation report 2021 Finland

(a) the reasons for the depopulation;

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N8) on an outdoor pheasant farm

(b) the number and the species of animals killed;

1228 poultry (farmed game)

(c) the stunning and killing methods used;

Mechanical methods

(d) a description of the difficulties encountered and, where appropriate, solutions found to alleviate or minimise the suffering of the animals concerned;

Symptomatic birds were killed with cervical dislocation following stunning with percussive blow to the head. Healthy looking birds were killed with firearm (derogation granted for shooting the birds to the body instead of the brain). The birds were killed quickly and systematically. The people in charge of the killing were experienced and the operation was calm and fluent.

(e) any derogation granted in accordance with paragraph 3.

The competent authority granted a derogation to shoot the birds (farmed pheasants) with a small-bore rifle to the body instead of the brain