5 September 2014

From 30 August to 5 September 2014, 2 new case of human infection with Avian Influenza A(H7N9) virus were reported from mainland China in the Western Pacific Region.

Details of the cases are as follows:

- A 66 year old woman from Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, with onset of symptoms on 14 July. She was admitted to a hospital on 17 July and died on 3 August. The case had a history of exposure to live poultry.

- A 53 year old male from Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, with onset of symptoms on 5 August. He was admitted to a hospital on 9 August. He is currently in a mild condition. The case has a history of exposure to live poultry. These two new cases from 30 August to 5 September 2014 are not part of a family cluster.

WHO does not advise special screening at points of entry with regard to this event, nor does it recommend any travel restrictions be applied. WHO continues to work closely with national authorities and technical partners to gain a better understanding of this disease in humans and will continue to provide updated information as the situation evolves.

For more information on human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, visit:

http://www.wpro.who.int/outbreaks_emergencies/H7N9/en/index.html