

**ABSTRACT**

**COUNTERACTING THE MENACE OF AVIAN INFLUENZA THROUGH  
INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS**

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The pandemic of avian influenza has become ubiquitous in the modern era and it is indeed the need of an hour to take appropriate action by all States in tackling the spread of avian viruses both within a country's territory and outside their territory. As per the World Health Organization Report (2013-2017) there are almost 507 confirmed human deaths from Avian Influenza. Preventing such infectious diseases is solely possible only through international co-operation of all World Health Organization member states. There is a definite need for member states to act effectively in conformity with the International Health Regulations which were adopted under the Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO). Further there exist inadequate regulatory measures and WHO member states often do not act in compliance with IHR due to the fear that notification of such disease can cause heavy economic losses for tourism and trade. The cardinal concerns of this study involves 1) Legality with regard to culling of birds in order to prevent Avian flu. 2) The State's obligation and responsibilities with respect to Avian Influenza. 3) Intersection of International Human Rights Law and Avian Influenza. 4) The need of Domestic Legislations pertaining to the prevention of Avian Diseases.

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