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Follow-up report No. 5

Text of a communication received on 28 April 1997 from Dr N. Meravoglou, Director General of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Athens:

Outbreaks of foot and mouth disease (FMD) were reported in the Evros prefecture (north-eastern Greece) from 7 July to 30 September 1996 (see *Disease Information*, vol. 9, pp. 91 to 128).

The Greek Authorities applied a stamping-out/non-vaccination policy for the eradication of the disease, and for the last six months no suspected cases of FMD have been reported. Greece, therefore, meets the requirements of Article 2.1.1.2. of the OIE *International Animal Health Code* and we are hereby writing to claim "free status without vaccination" for the entire territory of Greece.

A Final Report on the eradication of foot and mouth disease in Greece was prepared in support of our claim*. It reviews the history of the epizootic, focuses on its main epidemiological, clinical and laboratory features and provides serological, clinical and epidemiological evidence attesting to the eradication of the disease.

The Standing Veterinary Committee of the European Union, during its meeting of 8 and 9 April 1997, unanimously adopted a proposal for a Commission Decision recognising the eradication of foot and mouth disease and lifting all trade restrictions imposed on Greece due to the disease.

* A copy of this report may be obtained on request from the OIE Central Bureau.

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NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN IRELAND

Emergency report

Text of a fax received on 14 May 1997 from Dr M.C. Gaynor, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Dublin:

Date of initial detection of animal health incident: 25 March 1997.

<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of outbreaks</i>
County Cavan	1

Description of affected population: the poultry affected were comprised of two consignments of imported day-old chicks.

Total number of animals in the outbreak:

<i>susceptible</i>	<i>cases</i>	<i>deaths</i>	<i>destroyed</i>	<i>slaughtered</i>
20,500	...	15,000	5,500	0

