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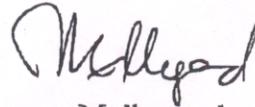
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Dear Lisa A. Ferguson,

Please find enclosed an information sheet on foot-and-mouth disease from the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration.

Tomorrow you will receive a complete description of all the precautions we have taken in Denmark to keep FMD out of our country.

Yours Sincerely,



Jorgen Mollegaard  
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Danish Veterinary and Food Administration



## KINGDOM OF DENMARK

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Information sheet on foot-and-mouth disease

### **No imports of live cloven-hoofed animals to Denmark since 11 February 2001**

The status of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in Denmark is unchanged: since 1983 no outbreaks of FMD has been reported in Danish livestock.

The entire Danish veterinary control and surveillance system is on continuous alert, and all precautions will be maintained until the FMD-situation in EU member states is normalized. Veterinary authorities and farmers' organisations are in close contact, and information is communicated smoothly.

Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals constitutes a serious risk of spreading FMD. To minimise the risk of spreading FMD the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration has laid down restrictions on the movement of live cloven-hoofed animals within Denmark. Furthermore, the European Commission has prohibited any movement of live cloven-hoofed animals out of France and the United Kingdom.

#### **Import to Denmark of live animals**

The import of live cloven-hoofed animals to Denmark is traditionally very low, and since the middle of February 2001 the import has come to a complete stop. Since 11 February (31 days) no

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**live cloven-hoofed animals** has been imported to Denmark. It is important to notice that the incubation period of FMD can be up to 14 days.

As a preventive measure producer organisations (dairy and meat industry, farmers) have strongly recommended all market operators to suspend the import to Denmark of live cattle, pigs, sheep and goats.

Furthermore, the Danish veterinary authorities play a key role in connection to import of live animals to Denmark. According to EU-legislation the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration shall in advance authorize any import of live animals to Denmark. In case a consignment may constitute a health risk to humans or animals, the import will not be allowed. Clearly, any import that constitutes a risk of spreading FMD will not be allowed.

On-line information from Denmark can be obtained on [www.fdir.dk](http://www.fdir.dk)

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