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Subject : Summary information on FMD

Dear Mr. Checchi - Lang,

In response to your message dated 23 April 2001 on the subject, please note the following actions taken by the Greek Authorities in the framework of precaution measures against introduction of FMD into Greece :

1. Tracing of animals originating from affected member states

As a matter of elementary precaution, live susceptible animals dispatched to Greece from FMD-affected member states have been traced to the place of final destination. As a rule, animals dispatched during a period of one month prior to notification of initial suspicion in the concerned member state were traced.

Tracing was based on data registered in the ANIMO system and on supplementary information, when available, and was expanded to cover the entire territories and not just the infected areas of the member states concerned.

Tracing revealed the following results :

- a) No dispatches at all of live susceptible animals from the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- b) Dispatch of 106 bovines and 152 pigs from the Netherlands, but all consignments had been sent to Greece more than one month prior to notification of suspicion in this member state (until middle of February 2001).
- c) Dispatch of ten (10) consignments of live animals from France, within the one-month period preceding notification of primary outbreak.

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2. Tracing of animals originating from non-affected member states

As an additional precaution measure, tracing was also carried out on live susceptible animals dispatched to Greece from member states declaring suspicions of FMD, even if subsequently the disease was ruled out.

In such cases, tracing was also based on data registered in the ANIMO system.
In this context, two (2) consignments of live animals were traced from Germany.

3. Tracing of animals originating from third countries

Finally, as an extreme precaution measure, live susceptible animals exported to Greece from European third countries were also sampled and tested for FMD at the Border Inspection Posts, in an effort to identify indirect spread of FMD into Greece.

Sampled animals originated mainly from Hungary, Poland, Romania and the Czech Republic, while some pigs originated from Cyprus.

4. Serological tests and results thereof

4.1 Organization of sero-surveillance

Live animals traced as explained above, were subjected to random sampling and testing for FMD in accordance with the following protocol :

- Animals from member states : 15% of animals in 100% of consignments.
Tests only for FMD type O.
- Animals from third countries : 10% of animals in 100% of consignments
Tests for FMD type O and ASIA 1.

4.2 Results of sero-surveillance

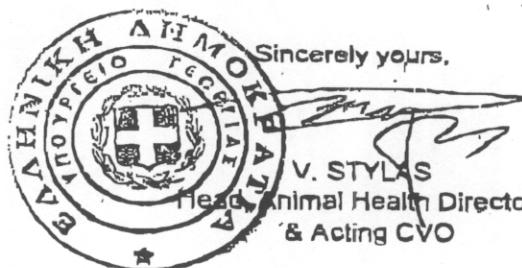
Results of sero-surveillance obtained until 23rd April are summarized in the Table.

Country of Origin	Animal Species	No. of Samples	Result
France	Bovines	90	Negative
	Pigs	108	"
	Sheep / Goats	57	"
Germany	Bovines	34	"
Third Countries	Bovines	223	"
	Pigs	15	"
	Sheep / Goats	140	"
Cyprus	Pigs	39	"
TOTAL		706	All Negative

Sincerely yours,

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Re: FMD / USA - Canada - New-Zealand

Mr Chesse Lang

Referring to the meeting on Monday April 23 concerning the current status of the US, Canada and New Zealand actions with regard to FMD in some EU member states and the Member States not directly affected by any outbreak. I enclose a copy of the Belgium Memorandum which contains all the requested information.

This Memorandum was transmitted to all Belgian Embassies,

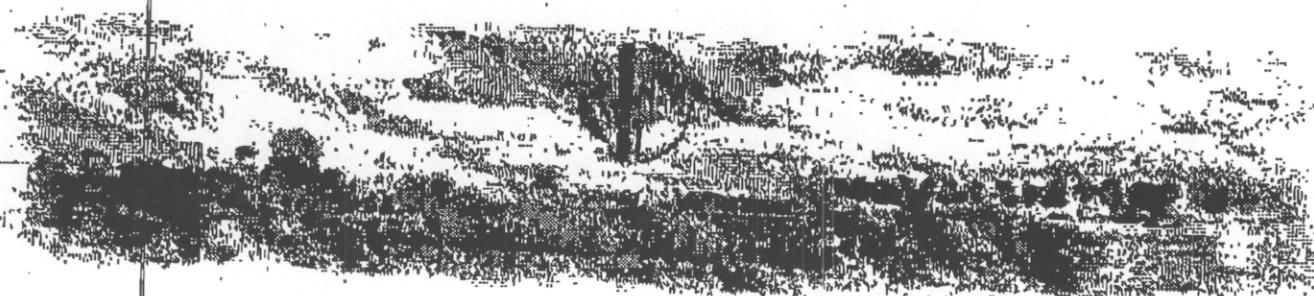
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Sincerely yours

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**PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY BELGIUM IN
RELATION TO FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE**

MEMORANDUM

26/04 '01 JEU 15:64 [TX/RX N° 8874]

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a basis for an up-to date assessment of the measures to prevent that foot-and-mouth disease will spread to Belgium.

It should be underlined that the FMD free status without vaccination of Belgium is unchanged. No outbreak of FMD has been reported in the Belgian livestock since 1976.

The EU legislation has been implemented fully and immediately. The entire Belgian veterinary control and surveillance system is continuously on the alert, and precaution measures will be maintained until the FMD-situation in other EU member states is normalized. Veterinary authorities, other authorities, industry and farmers' organizations are in close contact, and information is communicated continuously. All necessary precautionary measures to prevent the introduction of FMD to Belgium have been taken.

Field veterinarians have received instructions on mandatory actions in case of FMD suspicion on a Belgian farm and are enforced to report immediately any signs of disease to the Belgian Veterinary Administration.

The Belgian policy regarding outbreaks of FMD in neighboring countries is guide-lined by the following principles:

1/ Preventive culling of all imported animals which could represent risk because of unclear clinical symptoms if infected (sheep) or which were imported in an assessed risk rate from an affected zone abroad.

2/ Intensive surveillance of the other susceptible animals imported from the concerned countries.

3/ Restriction on movement of live cloven-hoofed animals

Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals within Belgium is restricted and kept under close supervision by the veterinary authorities. Additionally, movement of sheep was prohibited since 24/02/01. Transport of sheep to slaughterhouse was allowed under strict conditions since 20/03/01. Transport to another farm is allowed under strict conditions (preliminary serology) since 24/04/01.

All vehicles transporting live cloven-hoofed animals are cleansed and disinfected after each transport.

Markets and assemblies of live cloven-hoofed animals or animals having had contact with cloven-hoofed animals is prohibited.

4/ Contacts between farms are kept at a strict minimum

Farmers with cloven-hoofed animals are enforced to keep visits to the farm at an absolute minimum. Visits by veterinarians and other persons can only take place under strict and specific guidelines. Changing of clothes, washing, and disinfection are always required.

All persons who have been directly or indirectly in contact with live cloven-hoofed animals in an affected country may not have contact with such animals during seven days after their return in Belgium.

Farmers should keep logbooks on all visitors to farms such as veterinarians, inseminators, feed suppliers, technicians or guests.

Direct import of feed, straw and hay from EU member states which declared outbreaks of FMD, to farms with cloven-hoofed animals is prohibited.

Import of food by individuals for self-catering from countries with declared FMD outbreaks is forbidden. A strict control on the collection and destruction of waste food from ships and airplanes in ports and airports has been enhanced.

6/ Control on import of products of animal origin from affected countries

From the moment that a first case of FMD was declared in a member state, the meat and meat products imported in an assessed risk rate and at that moment present in Belgian slaughterhouses, cooling-units and cutting plants was seized (lamb and sheep : 5 T; bovine 282 kg pig-meat 74 T - pig-products 12 T)

6/ Imports into Belgium

Prohibitions for import of live cloven-hoofed animals, semen and embryos from (France), the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Ireland and restrictions with regard to their products according to the EU rules (measures with regard to France lifted on 14/04/2001);

The Veterinary Administration has to authorize any import of live cloven-hoofed animals into Belgium from other countries. Clearly, any import that constitutes a risk of spreading FMD will not be allowed.

Permanent border controls (with limitation of the number of border-posts) by local and federal police and customs, and this in close cooperation with the veterinary services are installed.

Import tracing from affected countries in the likelihood of disease risk has been carried out by means of the ANIMO livestock registration system and the national identification and registration system SANITEL

7/ Reporting and testing

Antigen and antibody tests are referable to the Diagnostic Manual of the OIE and are performed by the national reference laboratory CERVA Groeselberg 99, Ukkel, Belgium

The time required from detection to the definitive conclusion of diagnostic analyses doesn't exceed 7 days:

a/ reporting suspected symptoms to veterinarian of the farm	by telephone
b/ reporting suspicion to local veterinarian inspector	2 hrs
c/ reporting to central service	6 hrs
d/ transport of sampled material to national laboratory	Virus isolation
e/ definitive conclusion of diagnostic analysis AG Elisa	4 days

8/ Belgian law in force

A complete review of the Belgian legislation concerning special measures FMD is available on our Web-site <http://www.cmlag.fgov.be/>

Actually : Ministerial decree of 19/04/2001

9/ Garbage feeding of swine

Royal decree of 24/01/1969 - License required - granted after control of farm and heating installations - special transport requirements for garbage collection - regular controls by official veterinarians of prescribed procedures and installations. (since 1994 no new licenses granted)
Actually only a very limited number of farms : 20

The Belgian authorities have the intention to forbid this practice in the near future

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Serology in farms under official surveillance and in slaughterhouses

	AB-Elisa	Ag-Elisa	Virology
Sheep	3154	1665	1654
Goat	77	75	78
Bovine	88	32	48
Pork	132	402	401
TOTAL	3451	2074	2181

Number of tests with confirmed negative results

Preventive measures in relation to the FMD situation in the UK1/ Movements of live animals of susceptible species from the UK to Belgium
(1 February 2001 - 21 February 2001)

	NUMBER of consignments	NUMBER of animals from the UK	FARMS under surveillance (*)
PIGS	14	456 breeding pigs	13
SHEEP	3	914 sheep for fattening	15
GOATS	1	12 breeding goats	1

(*) An additional number of farms were put under surveillance because of indirect contacts via the Netherlands.
The total number of farms under surveillance was : 22 pig-farms, 1 goat-farm and 28 sheep-farms.

2/ Procedure in farms where sheep and goats from the UK have been introduced since 1/02/01

Farms where sheep or goats from the UK have been introduced since 1 February 2001, were subject to preventive slaughter and destruction of all the animals of these species present on the farm.

Preventive slaughter of animals of susceptible species2.1. Pre-emptive culling of sheep, goats imported from the UK, or animals of other susceptible species and contacts with UK susceptible animals from the UK:

date of sanitary killing	number of farms	Number of animals killed					total
		Sheep	Goats	Lamas	other		
01/03	3	1262	19	3		9	1283
02/03	6	723	0	0		0	723
03/03	3	174 (*)	0	0	1 deer 501 pigs (*)	0	676
05/03	2	243	22	0		0	285
06/03	1	554	2	4		0	560
07/03	1	190	0	0		0	190
08/03	3	137	295	0		0	432
09/03	2	307	0	0		0	307
14/03 (**)	5	181	0	0		0	181
15/03 (**)	1	488	0	0		0	488
Total	27	4239	338	7		511	5085

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Situation on 19/03/2001

- (*) : pre-emptive culling of all pigs in a pig farm in the municipality of Diksmuide (province 0030 = Western Flanders). This action was also completed with the pre-emptive killing of 8 sheep in the immediate neighbourhood of the pig-farm. All diagnostic tests on FMD or SVD were negative.
- (**) : neighbourhood of a (sheep) staging point
- (***) : sheep imported from the Netherlands originating from a farm subject to pre-emptive killing of the sheep

2.2 Sheep and goats present in slaughterhouses:

Due to the movement ban for sheep and goats since 24 February 2001 and the total ban of slaughter of sheep and goats on 2 March 2001, preventive killing of all sheep has also been carried out in 8 slaughterhouses where these animals were still present. This operation was carried out on 5 and 7 March 2001.

Date of preventive killing	number of slaughterhouses	number of sheep killed
5/03 and 7/03	8	1329

3/ Procedure in the farms under surveillance

Pig farms are controlled clinically every 4 days, during a period of at least 3 weeks. Farms with sheep and goats are controlled clinically every 4 days and serologically every 8 days (max. 60 samples) during a period of at least 4 weeks.

The same measures are in place in farms with animals which had contact (markets, lorries, dealer) with animals of susceptible species from the UK.

Preventive measures in relation to the FMD situation in France

1/ Tracing back movements of live animals of susceptible species from France

Trade from France to Belgium > 15/02/2001	Number of live bovines introduced (or re-introduced)	Farms under surveillance (*) on 13 and 14 March 2001	
		number	Provinces concerned
CATTLE	152	21	0022, 0030, 0040, 0050, 0060, 0070, 0080, 0090
PIGS	534	13 (*)	0022, 0030, 0050, 0080
SHEEP	0	-	
GOATS	0	-	
Other bovines	0	-	
TOTAL	686	34	

(*) One consignment of 50 breeding pigs was dispatched from the Dep. of Mayenne (Fr) on 14/03/2001 to a farm in the province of Western Flanders.
One additional farm with sheep was put under surveillance as the farmer is a dealer with activities in France (all 27 sheep have been culled).

2/ Surveillance on the farms.

The FMD expert group decided not to advise pre-emptive killing of the imported cattle and pigs. The procedure in farms under surveillance is basically the same as described for farms with animals of susceptible species from the UK.

Preventive measures in relation to the FMD situation in the Netherlands

**1/ Movements of live animals of susceptible species from the Netherlands to Belgium
(> 20 February 2001)**

Species		TOTAL 20/02-22/03		07/03-22/03	
		number of consignments	Number of animals	Number of consignments	Number of animals
Pigs	Production pigs	136	15546	126	28051
	Slaughter pigs	237	44708	75	2688
	Total	373 (*)	60254	201	28739
Cattle	Cattle for slaughter	2	26	0	0
	Cattle for production	12	511	3	52
	Total	14	537	3	52
Sheep	Sheep for slaughter	8	862	0	0
	Sheep for production	12	1927	0	0
	Total	20	2789	0	0

Since the notification of the FMD outbreak in Mayenne (France) at the SVC on 13 March 2001, the Netherlands maintained a complete stand-still of susceptible species on their territory.

2/ Procedure in the farms under surveillance

All farms with animals of susceptible species originating from the Netherlands and introduced since 20 February were put under surveillance.

The procedures have been adapted following epidemiological information received from the Netherlands

Pigs or cattle :

Surveillance during 5 weeks following the introduction date
Clinical examination every 4 days, with a minimum of 2 clinical examinations

Sheep (or goats)

Surveillance during 6 weeks following the introduction date
Clinical examination every 3 days, with a minimum of 2 clinical examinations
Serology: every 8 days of the animals present in the farm according to the criteria:
1-50 animals: all animals are sampled
> 60 animals: 60 animals at random

The decision for preventive killing meets the following criteria:

Date of introduction : > 7 March 2001
Farm of origin located in one of the surveillance zones

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3/ Pre-emptive killing of animals

date	farms	province	total number of pigs	date of import	number of pigs imported
21/03/2001	1	90	996	08/03/2001	5 consignments 996 pigs 2 consignments (201 +175 pigs) from the zone
22/03/2001	1	40	570	07/03/2001	4 consignments 1 sending (80 pigs) from the zone
23/03/2001	1	30	1265	13/03/2001	2 consignments, 1 consignment(480 piglets) from the zone
24/03/2001	1	10	420 (+ 24 own cattle)	07/03/2001	1 consignment

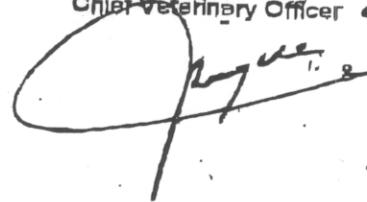
Conclusion :

It is absolutely clear that all the implementations of the measures to prevent the spread of FMD from neighbouring or other countries affected by FMD were strict and successful. Belgium meets all the EU and international standards to be considered as a country free from FMD without vaccination. There are no scientific or legal reasons to put this status into doubt. Every measure imposing an embargo on Belgian animals or products is therefore not in accordance with international standards.

We therefore ask all countries which have imposed a ban on Belgian animals or products to lift this ban.

Brussels 26th of April 2001

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Chief Veterinary Officer



Date: vendredi 27 avril 2001 11:34

To: CHECCHI LANG Alejandro (SANCO); VAN GOETHEM Bernard (SANCO); ANTONY BROSTEV Paul; ItalRap (E-mail)

Subject: Information about FMD in relation of export to USA, Canada and New Zealand

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To: CHECCHI LANG Alejandro (SANCO); VAN GOETHEM Bernard (SANCO)

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Subject: Information about FMD in relation of export to USA, Canada and New Zealand

Following the e-mail I sent few minutes ago, I inform that we did 23203 serologic tests and 145 virologic tests on trace back animals.

Piergiuseppe Facelli.

Fabrizio e-mail
arrived.

27/04/2001



Ministero della Sanità

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Oggetto: Afia epizootica - informazioni in relazione ai problemi di esportazione in USA, Canada e Nuova Zelanda.

Si fa riferimento alle richieste inoltrate con il fax n. E3/EZE/ik D(2001) 30869 del 23 aprile u.s. relative alle misure di controllo adottate nei confronti di animali provenienti da Stati membri nei quali sono stati accertati focolai di afia epizootica.

1) Trace back degli animali provenienti da Stati membri con focolai

In via preliminare si informa che è stato possibile eseguire il "trace back" di tutte le partite di animali aftoso-sensibili provenienti dai Paesi membri grazie all'analisi dei dati presenti nel sistema ANIMO e delle prenotifiche effettuate dagli operatori commerciali agli Uffici Veterinari per gli Adempimenti Comunitari ed ai servizi veterinari delle ASL.

Più specificatamente si rappresenta la situazione in relazione alle diverse provenienze.

REGNO UNITO

In data 21 febbraio 2001, oltre ad adottare un provvedimento di divieto di introduzione di animali aftoso sensibili e loro prodotti, sono state date disposizioni ai servizi veterinari operanti sul territorio nazionale per il sequestro degli allevamenti dove erano state introdotte, nell'ultimo mese, partite di animali di specie aftoso-sensibili, per l'esecuzione di attenti rilievi clinici e per il prelievo di campioni ematici da inviare agli Istituti Zooprofilattici competenti per territorio. Tutti gli accertamenti clinici nonché quelli di laboratorio eseguiti su 8 partite di suini e su 3 partite di ovini hanno dato esito negativo.

FRANCIA

In data 14 marzo 2001 sono state date disposizioni ai servizi veterinari operanti sul territorio nazionale per il sequestro degli allevamenti dove erano state introdotte, dal 16 febbraio, partite di animali di specie astoso-sensibili, per l'esecuzione di attenti rilievi clinici e per il prelievo di campioni ematici da inviare agli Istituti Zooprofilattici competenti per territorio. Tutti gli accertamenti di laboratorio condotti hanno dato esito negativo per afta epizootica. Gli accertamenti di laboratorio sono stati condotti su 21 partite di ovini e 51 partite di suini nonché sulle partite di bovini (936 partite) appartenenti a categoria diversa da quella da macello. Su una partita di ovini era stato elevato, su base clinica, il sospetto di afta ma le successive ricerche sierologiche e poi virologiche hanno consentito di individuare la presenza del virus dell'ectima contagioso.

PAESI BASSI

A seguito della segnalazione effettuata dalle competenti Autorità dei Paesi Bassi circa l'invio di 23 partite di ovi-caprini, per la maggior parte da macello, (spedite nel periodo compreso tra il 25 gennaio e il 21 febbraio 2001) nelle quali potevano essere presenti soggetti provenienti dal Regno Unito o soggetti che potevano aver avuto contatti con tali animali, in data 28 febbraio 2001 sono state date disposizioni per rintracciare tali animali e per verificarne l'avvenuta macellazione. Per tutti gli animali, al momento dell'intervento dei servizi veterinari competenti per territorio, è stata accertata l'avvenuta macellazione.

In seguito, in data 21 marzo 2001 a seguito della conferma di focolai di afta epizootica nei Paesi Bassi, sono state date disposizioni per il sequestro degli allevamenti nei quali erano stati introdotti animali, a far data dal 16 febbraio, per l'esecuzione di attenti accertamenti clinici e per il prelievo di campioni ematici. I controlli effettuati su 4 partite di bovini e 183 partite di suini hanno dato esito negativo per afta epizootica.

IRLANDA

Provvedimenti di sequestro sono stati adottati nei confronti degli allevamenti che avevano introdotto, a partire dal 20 febbraio 2001, animali di specie astoso sensibili provenienti dall'Irlanda. Gli esiti degli accertamenti eseguiti sia clinici che di laboratorio sugli animali pervenuti (3 partite di bovini) hanno fornito tutti esito negativo.

2. Dati sulla sierosorveglianza a seguito del trace back

Relativamente agli accertamenti di laboratorio sui campioni ematici si precisa che è stata eseguita, come screening di massa, la ricerca dell'antigene virale tramite ELISA con anticorpi monoclonali; per tutti i casi dubbi gli accertamenti di laboratorio sono stati approfonditi ricorrendo a ricerche virologiche. Complessivamente sono stati effettuati 23203 esami sierologici e 145 esami virologici tutti con esito negativo. In un caso di sospetto di afta su ovini provenienti dalla Francia la ricerca viologica ha consentito di individuare la presenza del virus dell'ectima contagioso.

3. Misure di carattere generale

Ad ogni buon fine si riporta anche l'elenco delle altre misure adottate.

1. Sono state adottate misure di profilassi molto rigorose per cercare di ridurre ulteriormente il rischio di diffusione anche passiva del virus astoso negli aeroporti e porti italiani, dove i passeggeri in provenienza dal Regno Unito sono tenuti a rispettare alcune norme di carattere sanitario. I rifiuti di bordo degli aerei provenienti dal regno Unito devono essere disinfestati.

2. Nei confronti degli altri Paesi comunitari e dei Paesi terzi, con ordinanza del 7 marzo scorso e successive modificazioni, è stato disposto il divieto di ingresso sul territorio italiano di tutti gli animali affuso sensibili. Tale divieto è stato adottato in applicazione delle misure previste dall'articolo 11 della decisione della Commissione 2001/172/CE che consentivano lo spostamento degli animali solo previo accordo tra Autorità sanitarie. Esso è ancora vigente nei confronti dei Paesi comunitari mentre è stato parzialmente revocato per alcune categorie di animali da macello o da ingrasso provenienti da Paesi Terzi dell'Est Europa.
3. Dal 7 marzo 2001 è stato disposto il divieto di concentramento e di movimentazione degli animali affuso sensibili sul territorio nazionale seppure con alcune deroghe relative all'invio diretto degli animali dall'allevamento di origine alla macellazione oppure da allevamento ad allevamento previa autorizzazione delle autorità sanitarie locali.

Il rispetto della legislazione comunitaria e nazionale, in questa particolare situazione è stato affidato oltre che ai servizi veterinari ufficiali come avviene ordinariamente, anche alle forze di polizia e ai carabinieri.

Si coglie l'occasione per informare questa Commissione che gli Stati Uniti, oltre alle misure non giustificate nei confronti dei prodotti a base di carne italiani che arrivano fino a vietare l'importazione di prodotti non a rischio quali prosciutti cotti o prosciutti crudi affettati, hanno annunciato restrizioni anche per i prodotti latiero-caseari provenienti dall'intera Unione Europea.

Al riguardo occorre rappresentare con forza alle Autorità americane che eventuali nuovi standards applicabili alle importazioni di prodotti latiero-caseari provenienti da paesi infetti dal virus dell'affa epizootica non si dovrebbero applicare all'Italia ed agli altri Paesi dell'Unione Europea che continuano ad essere indenni da tale malattia. Conseguentemente nessuna certificazione aggiuntiva può essere richiesta per tali prodotti. In caso contrario la normativa statunitense sarebbe in contrasto con le regole O.I.E e sarebbe tale da rendere necessario un ricorso in sede di WTO/SPS.

Restando a disposizione per ogni eventuale chiarimento dovesse occorrere, si coglie l'occasione per inviare cordiali saluti.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Oggetto: misure di protezione adottate dal Ministero della Sanità nei confronti dell'Afta epizootica.

Si fa riferimento alla comunicazione telegrafica dell'Ambasciata d'Italia a Washington n. 1963 dell'11 aprile 2001, con la quale sono state trasmesse alcune richieste di informazioni da parte dell'APHIS-USDA in merito alla situazione dell'afta epizootica.

Innanzitutto, occorre premettere che in Italia non sono stati registrati casi di afta epizootica ed il nostro Paese continua ad essere riconosciuto indenne da afta senza la vaccinazione conformemente alle regole dell'O.I.E (Office International des Epizooties).

La comparsa il 20 febbraio scorso di focolai di afta epizootica nel Regno Unito e la successiva segnalazione di casi sporadici in altri Stati membri dell'Unione europea ha determinato da parte dell'Italia l'adozione di misure di protezione, particolarmente rigorose, atte a prevenire l'introduzione nel territorio nazionale di tale malattia. In particolare, le misure adottate sono rappresentate da:

1. embargo nei confronti del Regno Unito, in vigore dal 21 febbraio 2001, che comporta il divieto totale di esportazione dal Regno Unito di animali aftoso sensibili e di loro prodotti (carni, latte, formaggi, pelli) Si tratta di una misura adottata dall'Italia in anticipo rispetto alle successive disposizioni comunitarie.
2. Tutte le partite di animali aftoso sensibili introdotte dal Regno Unito nel corso del mese di febbraio (3 partite di ovini da macello e 7 di suini da allevamento) sono state rintracciate e sottoposte a controllo sanitario; gli accertamenti clinici e di laboratorio hanno dato esito negativo.
3. Analogi procedimenti di rintraccio ed attuazione di controlli clinici e di laboratorio sono stati effettuati per gli animali e i prodotti considerati a rischio introdotti da altri Stati membri che hanno poi dichiarato la presenza di focolai di afta: Francia, Irlanda Paesi Bassi. A tal fine è sempre stato utilizzato il criterio di considerare le partite introdotte fino ad un mese prima della dichiarazione, nel Paese di provenienza, del sospetto di malattia. Particolarmente efficace in queste operazioni è risultato il sistema computerizzato di controllo delle movimentazioni in ambito comunitario denominato ANIMO (Animals Movements).
4. Sono state adottate misure di profilassi molto rigorose per cercare di ridurre ulteriormente il rischio di diffusione anche passiva del virus aftoso negli aeroporti e porti italiani, dove i passeggeri in provenienza dal Regno Unito sono tenuti a rispettare alcune norme di carattere sanitario.
5. Nei confronti degli altri Paesi comunitari e dei Paesi terzi, con ordinanza del 7 marzo scorso e successive modificazioni, è stato disposto il divieto di ingresso sul territorio italiano di tutti gli animali aftoso sensibili provenienti dagli altri Paesi dell'U.E. fino al 18 maggio p.v. Tale divieto, comunque è stato poi parzialmente revocato per alcune categorie di animali da macello o da ingrasso provenienti da Paesi Terzi dell'Est Europa. È stato inoltre disposto il divieto di movimentazione degli animali aftoso sensibili anche sul territorio nazionale seppure con alcune deroghe relative all'invio diretto degli animali dall'allevamento di origine alla macellazione.

Si tratta quindi di misure rigorose di protezione, più restrittive di quelle adottate a livello comunitario, proprio al fine di ridurre qualunque rischio di introduzione della malattia. Per quanto riguarda le misure adottate a livello comunitario si precisa che fino ad oggi, la Commissione Europea ha emanato numerose decisioni che vietano l'esportazione di animali aftoso-sensibili e relativi prodotti a rischio da parti di Stati membri interessate da focolai (princípio di regionalizzazione) e ne ha poi ridotto i termini restrittivi fino alla revoca mano a mano che i focolai venivano estinti.

Relativamente alla alimentazione dei suini con rifiuti di cucina, questa è consentita solo previo trattamento di risanamento in strutture autorizzate e sotto controllo del veterinario ufficiale.

Il rispetto della legislazione comunitaria e nazionale, in questa particolare situazione è stato affidato oltre che ai servizi veterinari ufficiali come avviene ordinariamente, anche alle forze di polizia e ai carabinieri.

Riguardo infine ai dati statistici sul commercio di animali vivi e derivati ad alto rischio nell'ambito dell'unione dal gennaio 2001, si è in grado di fornire, in allegato, uno schema ricavato dal sistema ANIMO riguardante gli animali vivi.

Si coglie l'occasione per rispondere brevemente anche alla nota di codesta Ambasciata del 19 aprile u.s concernente possibili ulteriori restrizioni sui prodotti lattiero-caseari provenienti dall'Unione Europea.

Al riguardo occorre rappresentare con forza alle Autorità americane che eventuali nuovi standards applicabili alle importazioni di prodotti lattiero-caseari provenienti da paesi infetti dal virus dell'asta epizootica non si dovrebbero applicare all'Italia in quanto il nostro Paese continua ad essere indenne da tale malattia. Conseguentemente nessuna certificazione aggiuntiva può essere richiesta per i prodotti italiani. In caso contrario la normativa statunitense sarebbe in contrasto con le regole O.I.E tale da rendere necessario un ricorso in sede di WTO/SPS.

Pertanto si prega codesta Ambasciata di voler trasmettere quanto sopra alle competenti Autorità Veterinarie Statunitensi invitandole a modificare le misure intraprese nei confronti dell'Italia.

Restando a disposizione per ogni eventuale chiarimento dovesse occorrere, si coglie l'occasione per inviare cordiali saluti.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL DIPARTIMENTO
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SUBJECT: PROTECTION MEASURES AGAINST FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

With reference to our communication ref. 600.3/SA.50/1569 dated 8 March 2001, we inform you that the ban on the introduction of shipments of animal species sensitive to FMD coming from Member States is prolonged to 19 April 2001.

The Central Veterinary Services of Member States are kindly requested to inform urgently their territorial colleagues and trade operators about the ban on the introduction of shipments of animals pertaining to FMD-sensitive species in force in Italy.

Moreover, we inform you that it will be possible to import slaughtering cattle, sheep and goats from approved Third Countries; these animals will have to be slaughtered within 72 hours of arrival at the slaughterhouse of destination. Please inform your BIPS thereof.

Thanking you for the collaboration, please do not hesitate to contact me again, in case you need some further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

P. Jaffé
The Chief of the Department

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Dear Alejandro

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE: INFORMATION REQUESTED ON LIVESTOCK EXPORTED BETWEEN 1 AND 21 FEBRUARY 2001

Thank you for your fax of 23 April requesting information on livestock exports and follow up action.

We prepared summary information for the FVO Mission which visited the UK on 12 March. I am now sending you these documents which I hope meet your current request. The information relates to exports of FMD susceptible animals which took place between 1 February (as indicated in Commission Decision 2001/172) and 21 February (the date from which export restrictions were applied to the United Kingdom).

Please find enclosed the following:

- A summary of action taken, between 19 February and 10 March, in relation to exports of livestock following suspicion and confirmation of FMD in Great Britain. Annexed to the summary are copies of letters sent to the Chief Veterinary Officers of other Member States. I have added letters which have been sent since the summary was prepared.
- Table 1 - A summary table of FMD susceptible livestock exported to other Member States between 1 February and 20 February 2001.

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- Table 2- details of animals of the ovine species exported to EU Member States between 20 January and 21 February 2001.

I hope this information meets with your requirements.

Yours sincerely

J M Scudamore
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Chief Veterinary Officer

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)**SUMMARY OF MEASURES TAKEN BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
FISHERIES AND FOOD TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE TO
OTHER MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES****ACTION TAKEN IN RELATION TO EXPORTS OF LIVE ANIMALS AND
GERMPLASM****Key:**

CVO	=	Chief Veterinary Officer
HVS	=	Head of Veterinary Service
DVM	=	Divisional Veterinary Manager
VITT	=	Veterinary International Trade Team
SVS	=	State Veterinary Service

19 February

Forms A & C served on Cheale Meats abattoir in Essex and Form A served on premises in Buckinghamshire and the Isle of Wight.

20 February

Emergency email sent by VITT to all DVMs and HVS informing them disease had not been confirmed but instructing them to check all export health certificates to ensure country clearance from FMD was not required and to cancel any such certificates that had been issued.

Agriculture Departments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland telephoned to inform them of suspicion of disease.

Export health certificates for issue by MAFF HQ put on hold.

21 February

Outbreak of FMD confirmed at Cheale's abattoir in Essex.

Emergency email sent by VITT to all DVMS and HVS and administrators in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, confirming disease on Essex premises and instructing them:

- not to issue health certificates for exports of live pigs, sheep, goats, and their germplasm, bovine semen, and all other biungulates and their germplasm from Great Britain to any destination, with immediate effect;
- to withdraw all export health certificates for these commodities which had been issued but where the consignment had not yet been exported;
- to check any certificates for exports of horses or poultry which required FMD disease clearance assurances.

Emergency Instruction 2001/1/VITT issued formalising emergency email.

MAFF Animal Health Offices and MAFF HQ denied access to CENTAUR (MAFF's computer system which issues export health certificates and generates ANIMO messages) to ensure that export health certificates could not be issued in error.

Telephone call to Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) in Northern Ireland (Bell to McCracken) requesting DARD to withdraw certification for FMD susceptible animals and products DARD agreed to withdraw certification for such animals and products.

Letter from CVO faxed to to all CVOs in the world advising of the outbreak and that export health certificates were being withheld.

Letter from CVO to Dr Valder, German CVO, informing him of export consignments of live pigs to Germany and of meat despatched from Cheale's abattoir prior to suspicion of disease (DOC 1).

Commission Decision (2001/145) took effect at 17.00hrs.

UK wide legislation, the Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/498) implementing CD2001/145 came into force at 23.00hrs.

Customer Information Note 2001/10 informing exporters that export health certification for FMD susceptible animals and their genetic material had been put on hold, was put on the MAFF website and sent to trade interests.

22 February

CVO letter to Dr Valder, German CVO, about export consignments of pigs to Germany (DOC 2).

Customer Information Note 2001/11 was issued to trade interests, and placed on the MAFF website, informing them of the detailed requirements of CD 2001/145 and the UK implementing Regulations. Also enclosed was a specimen copy of the certificate for frozen bovine semen collected before 1 February 2001.

23 February

The Foot and Mouth Disease Declaratory (Controlled Area) Order 2001 came into force at 17.00hrs prohibiting movement of all FMD susceptible animals in England and Wales until midnight on 2 March. A parallel Order was introduced in Scotland.

CVO letter to all HVS and DVMs informing them of prohibition on movement of susceptible animals and issuing instructions.

Saturday 24 February

Letter from CVO faxed to all CVOs in world notifying them of UK movement ban on FMD susceptible animals.

Letter from CVO to Dr Valder, German CVO about export consignments of pigs (DOC 3).

Customer Information Note 2001/12 issued to trade interests and placed on the MAFF website, informing exporters and importers of the controls on movements of animals within the UK, effectively prohibiting imports of FMD susceptible animals.

Sunday 25 February

1. Commission (Van Goethem) was informed of confirmation of outbreak No: 7 at 10.20 am. He agreed that Commission would inform Member States of the new outbreak and that MAFF would inform individual Member States which had received suspect consignments.

2. At 12.30 pm Valder (Germany) was informed of an outbreak involving sheep and that export of infected sheep could not be ruled out. MAFF would advise further on specific high risk consignments. Similar information given to Chmitelin (France) at 12.35 pm and Smak (Netherlands) at 12.45 pm.
3. At 13.00 pm Valder was informed that sheep from Cleave had gone to specific destination in N.R.P. Geilenkirchen.
4. Around lunch time, McIlroy, DARD informed that outbreak confirmed in sheep. Later in afternoon, McCracken, DARD given an update on latest outbreak and links with FMD 6 through Hexham and Longtown markets. Also informed of possible involvement of Northampton market. Given details of 2 exports of cattle from Devon to Northern Ireland.
5. Commission (Bernard Van Goethem) asked to assist by informing Belgium authorities of 4 consignments of sheep. He replied that all consignments were under restriction in Belgium.
6. Further discussion at 17.00 pm and 18.00 pm with Valder informing him of likely contact date between FMD 6 and 7 was 15 February.
7. Further discussion with Chmitelin at 17.45 pm: advised of destination of one consignment, not from Cleave but from Devon, during February. French were investigating suspicious disease in British sheep on farm west of Paris. No results available yet.
8. Further information being gathered on exports which could have contained Cleave's sheep or sheep which could have been in contact with such sheep. Priority being given to consignments formed on and after 15 February.
9. CVO letter faxed to all CVOs in EU Member States advising them of latest outbreak and potential risk from sheep exports (DOC 4).
10. Emergency Instruction 2001/3/VITT emailed to HVS and DVMs informing them that restrictions on exports also applied to Third Countries.

27 February

CVO wrote to all CVOs in EU Member States informing them that the premises of an international sheep trader at Llancloudy, Hereford had become infected; also that sheep exported to Member States after 13 February may have had contact with infected sheep (DOC 5).

CVO wrote to Dr Chmitelin, French CVO about export consignments of sheep from premises which had become infected (DOC 6).

CVO wrote to Dr Valder, German CVO about export consignments of sheep from premises which had become infected (DOC 7).

Mr Bell, VITT, wrote to Dr Valder, German CVO enclosing current list of infected premises.

Customer Information Note 2001/13 issued about EU restrictions on UK exports being extended to 9 March. CIN issued to trade, placed on MAFF website and emailed to DVMs.

1 March

Mr Wellwood VITT wrote two letters to the Deputy CVO in Northern Ireland about export consignments of sheep and cattle from premises which had become infected.

2 March

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot and Mouth Disease) Regulations 2001, implementing CD 2001/172 came into force at 18.00hrs. These apply to England and Northern Ireland. Parallel regulations apply in Scotland and Wales.

The Foot and Mouth Disease Declaratory (Controlled Area) (England and Wales) (No 2) Order 2001 continuing movement restrictions, came into force at midnight on 2 March. A parallel Order applies in Scotland. The Orders apply until midnight on 16 March 2001.

Saturday 3 March

CVO wrote to CVOs in all Member States advising them that export health certificates were being issued in accordance with CD 2001/172.

CVO wrote to Dr Pluimers, Dutch DVM, about consignments of sheep sent to the Netherlands (DOC 8).

Emergency email was sent to DVMs, HVS and SVS staff at the port of Dover making available a cleansing and disinfection certificate, and notes for guidance for certifying official veterinarian or inspector.

Customer Information Note 2001/14, concerning the need for exporters to provide proof of cleansing and disinfection, was issued to the trade, placed on the MAFF website and emailed to DVMs and SVS staff at the port of Dover.

5 March

CVO wrote to Dr Chmitelin, French CVO about exports of sheep to France (DOC 9).

CVO wrote to Sr Esteban, Spanish CVO about exports of sheep to Spain (DOC 10).

6 March

CVO wrote to all CVOs in Third Countries updating them on action being taken in UK to combat FMD outbreak.

8 March

Letter to Associated British Ports about requirement in CD 2001/190 for vehicle tyres to be disinfected.

9 March

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot and Mouth Disease) (No 3) Regulations 2001, implementing CD 2001/190, came into force at 18.15. These apply to England and Northern Ireland. Parallel regulations apply in Scotland and Wales.

10 March

CVO wrote to Dr Hallett, Belgian CVO listing all export consignments of bisungulates to Belgium since 1 February; also those consignments which transporters' journey plans showed were due to rest overnight at a lairage in Belgium (DOC 11).

CVO wrote to Dr Pluimers, Dutch CVO about consignments of sheep exported to the Netherlands since 24 January (DOC 12).

CVO wrote to Dr Chmitelin, French CVO about export consignments of sheep from premises which had become infected (DOC 13).

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[NB Letters sent after 10 March by the CVO to CVOs in EU Member States are at DOCS 14 -19]

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21 February 2001

Dear Dr Valder

OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

An outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in pigs was confirmed on 20 February 2001 in an abattoir in Brentwood, Essex, England. The source of the initial outbreak is as yet unknown and is still under investigation.

According to information provided by the ANIMO system, two consignments of live pigs were exported to Germany from 2 premises not in a surveillance zone but approximately 100km away from the infected premises. Please find details of the consignment below:

Date of export: 05 February 2001
 ANIMO message number: 0701301/2001/0000115
 Health Certificate number: 01/33/00271
 Premises of origin: Amoe Farm, Rushden Road, Sharnbrook Bedfordshire
 Premises of destination: Uhlhorn, Doetlingen
 Consignee address: Sauerstrasse 7, Lemgo, 32657

Date of export: 05 February 2001
 ANIMO message number: 0701301/2001/0000135
 Health Certificate number: 01/33/00367
 Premises of origin: Amoe Farm, Rushden Road, Sharnbrook Bedfordshire
 Premises of destination: Scheineanlage Kubbier, AM Kuhsdorferweg
 Consignee address: Sauerstrasse 7, Lemgo, 32657

You may wish to take any action you consider appropriate to check the health status of these consignments.

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I also enclose details of consignments of meat despatched to Germany from the affected abattoir in the 7 day period prior to suspicion of disease.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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22 February 2001

Dear Dr Valder

OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Our work on tracing of movement of pigs into the affected abattoir and meat dispatched from it continues. We are currently concentrating on the two week period prior to identification of disease. Yesterday I provided you with details of consignments sent to Germany in the week prior to suspicion of disease. We now have details of 18 consignments in the period 3-8 February. Details are attached for your information.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

J M SCUDAMORE
 Chief Veterinary Officer

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24 February 2001

Dear Dr Valder

OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Further to my letter of 21 February 2001 relating to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in Great Britain, please find details of consignments of pigs sent to Germany since 1 January 2001 that originated in a Local Veterinary Unit (LVU) in which FMD has now been confirmed.

According to information provided by the ANIMO system, three consignments of live pigs were exported to Germany from premises which is approximately 80km's from the current outbreak in Northumberland.

You may wish to take any action you consider appropriate to check the health status of these consignments.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

J M SCUDAMORE
 Chief Veterinary Officer

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All Chief Veterinary Officers of EU Member States

25 February 2001

Dear Colleague

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREAT BRITAIN

I am writing to give you further information relating to outbreak No: 7 which was confirmed by me this morning on a holding in the county of Devon, South-West England.

Suspected disease was notified to my officials yesterday evening and following a clinical examination of the suspect cattle, diagnostic material was despatched immediately to the Institute of Animal Health, Virus Research Institute at Pirbright. This morning I received confirmation that the samples were positive to the Elisa test for FMD antigen. I therefore confirmed disease on this holding.

Clinical disease was present in housed cattle on the holding which also has a large number (around 1,500) of sheep. This farmer is a major trader in sheep and it is possible that sheep have been sent from his holding to other holdings from which export may have taken place prior to us withholding export health certificates and the imposition of Community export restrictions. We have initial epidemiological information which suggests that a link with outbreak No: 6 may be associated with trade in sheep and on current information the likely date of contact is 15 February.

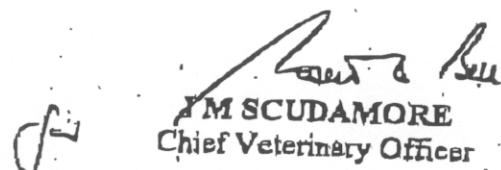
We are carrying out an urgent investigation into the connection between sheep from this holding and exports and we will be informing directly the authorities of any Member State which has received sheep which originate from the holding or have been in contact with sheep from the holding after the likely introduction of infection.

As you are aware there is a meeting of the Standing Veterinary Committee on 27 February at which the United Kingdom will give an up to date report to Member States. In the interim if there are any developments which will adversely affect

position of any Member State I will arrange for that Member State to be informed directly.

Any enquiries relating to trade in animals or products from Great Britain to other Member States should in the first instance be directed to Robin Bell on tel No: + 44 20 7904 6169 or fax No: + 44 20 7904 6364.

Yours sincerely


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27 February 2001

Dear Colleague

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Further to my letter of 25 February 2001 in which we informed you that the farmer involved in the outbreak No: 7 is a major trader in sheep (including sheep for export), we have carried out tracings on movements to and from the premises involved. These tracings have now involved another international trader; Outbreak No.12 is at Llancloudy, Hereford. Tracings have indicated that many of the sheep traded originated from other parts of Great Britain although they were despatched from the premises in Hereford. The ANIMO message that is sent in such circumstances relates to the premises in Hereford.

Provisional epidemiological investigations have indicated that the earliest time infection has been traced to sheep is through contacts at Hexham market on the 13 February 2001. You will appreciate that an extremely large number of tracings are currently being investigated. In the meantime we cannot rule out the possibility that sheep exported to Member States after 13 February may have had contact with infected sheep prior to export. As we become aware of exports of sheep that have taken place from premises on which FMD has been confirmed, or sheep that have been in contact with such sheep, you will be informed.

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Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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27 February 2001

Dear Dr Chmitelin

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Further to my letter of 25 February 2001 I wish to give you further information on consignments of sheep that have been exported from Great Britain to France. As a result of our investigations and tracings we have established that several consignments of sheep were exported to France from a premises on which disease has now been confirmed.

Premises of origin: Hill Farm, Llancloudy, Hereford (Outbreak No 11)

Details: Garton Livestock has exported 4 consignments accompanied by the following ANIMO messages:

0701701/2001/0000099 departed 16.02.01
 0701701/2001/0000142 departed 16.02.01
 0701701/2001/0000115 departed 19.02.01
 0701701/2001/0000116 departed 19.02.01

Several other consignments were sent from the same premises under ANIMO messages:

0701701/2001/0000093 departed 31.01.01
 0701701/2001/0000065 departed 05.02.01.

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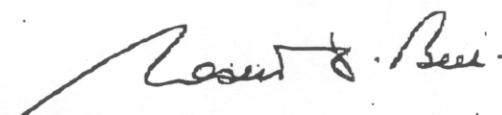
These two consignments we believe were consigned prior to the estimated date of introduction of infection which we provisionally date as 15 February.

You will appreciate that extremely large number of tracings are currently being investigated. You will be kept fully aware of developments. Where we become aware of exports that have taken place from premises where FMD has been confirmed you will be informed.

Any enquiries related to trade in animals or products from Great Britain to other Member States should in first instance be directed to Robin Bell on tel: + 44 20 7904 6169 or fax: + 44 20 7904 6364.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely


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27 February 2001

Dear Dr Valder

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Further to my letter of 25 February 2001 I wish to give you further information on consignments of sheep that have been exported from Great Britain to Germany. As a result of our investigations and tracings we have established that several consignments of sheep were exported to Germany from a premises on which disease has now been confirmed.

Premises of origin: Hill Farm, Llancloudy, Hereford (Outbreak No 11)

Details: Gartron Livestock has exported 2 consignments accompanied by the following ANIMO messages:

0701701/2001/0000004 departed 15.02.01
 0701701/2001/0000009 departed 16.02.01

These two consignments were consigned on or around the estimated date of introduction of infection to the premises which we provisionally date as not earlier than 15 February.

As discussed with Mr Bell by telephone on 25 February the following premises is a premises on which disease has now been confirmed. (Outbreak No 7)

Premises of origin: Burdon Farm Highampton, Beaworthy, Devon.

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Details: Mr Cleave exported a consignment via Homestead Farm Petham Canterbury accompanied by the following ANIMO messages:

070400I/2001/0000371 departed from GB on 17.02.01 (not 12.2.01 as stated on the ANIMO message)

This consignment was consigned from the premises of origin at Beaworthy on the estimated date of introduction of infection which we provisionally date as not earlier than 15 February. Copies of the ANIMO messages are included for your ease of reference.

You will appreciate that extremely large number of tracing are currently being investigated. You will be kept fully aware of developments. Where we become aware of exports that have taken place from premises where FMD has been confirmed you will be informed.

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Kind regards,

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Dear Dr Pluimers

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREAT BRITAIN

I refer to the telephone discussion Dr Bruyns/Wellwood of 1 March 2001 relating to the export of livestock to the Netherlands. I understand that your inspectors have identified consignments of live sheep exported to Mr Van Veen that were not accompanied by ANIMO messages.

We have investigated consignments of animals that were destined to the Netherlands through the port of Dover and have identified those listed at ANNEX A. Our investigations are continuing into why it would appear that at least some of these consignments were not accompanied by ANIMO messages. We would welcome details of the health certificates that accompanied these consignments. It is possible that this situation may be associated with a serious malfunction in the computer system that issues export health certificates and sends ANIMO message that took place in the latter part of last year. It would appear that most of these took place in January 2001 which we currently consider outwith the high risk period.

We are urgently checking all consignments exported from Great Britain via records held at the ports to correlate exports with export messages sent on the ANIMO system. We are also currently carrying out approximately 10,000 other tracings connected with infected premises in Great Britain to see if they include consignments exported to Member States. If any of these tracings indicate there are other exports which have taken place without ANIMO messages you will be informed at the earliest opportunity.

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