



Animal disease control and regionalisation in the EU

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food trade seminar**

EU Animal Health Policy

**To protect and raise health status
of animals**

**whilst permitting trade and
imports**

Harmonised animal health legislation



- Identification & registration
- Prevention
 - Biosecurity
 - Import conditions
 - Food and feed
- Monitoring and surveillance
- Control and eradication of major diseases
 - **Emergency preparedness in case of outbreak of epizootic disease**

Registration, identification and traceability

- Registration of "**holdings**": epidemiological unit
- Identification of animals
- Holding registers
- Movement documents and registration – national databases
- Controls between Member States: pre-notification, certification, database (TRACES)



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Harmonised control measures - major epizootic diseases

- **Contingency plans** – contents defined in EU legislation
- Emergency **exercises** and alert drills – also cross-border
- EU & National **Reference Laboratories**
- **Diagnostic Manuals**: uniform procedures to diagnose disease
- **Compulsory measures by MS**: immediate reporting, restrictions of movements & export in zones around the outbreak, depopulation, cleaning and disinfection, surveillance, lifting restrictions

Harmonised control measures - cooperation & coordination

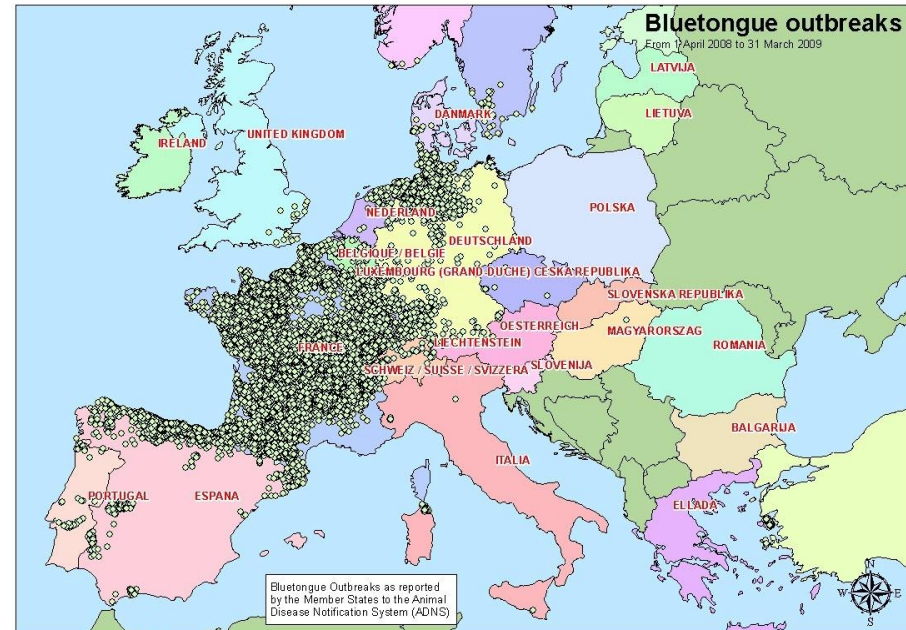
- Disease **notifications** and regular **meetings**
- **EU Veterinary Emergency Team** = experts from different MS. Available for assistance to MS during outbreaks. Occasionally also assisting third countries
- **Measures at EU level** where needed
- **Audits** by Commission



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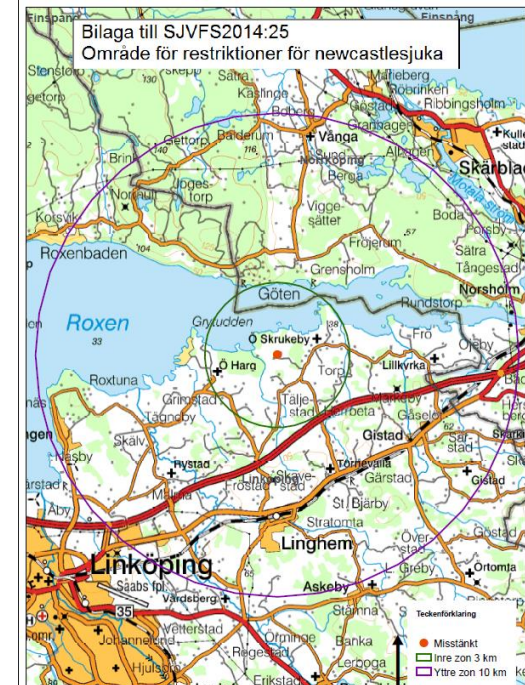
Animal Disease Notification System

- Primary outbreaks <24 hours, secondary once per week
- Information, mapping
- Summaries available on the Internet
- Detailed access for authorities
- Supports risk management at national and EU levels



Regionalisation by Member State

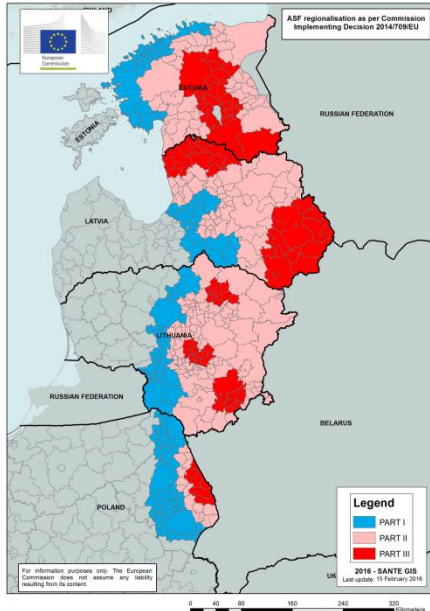
- Follows the general OIE principles
- Strict rules in EU legislation
- 1-3-10-150 Km restricted zones (depending on disease, in legislation)
- Tracing & epidemiological investigations
- Additional surveillance and testing
- Conditions for lifting measures
- Emergency vaccination under conditions





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Regionalisation by EU Commission



- Specific legislation
- Bigger areas can be restricted
- Multiple Member States
- Defined rules for risk mitigation for all relevant commodities – extra layer of protection – close scrutiny
- Enhanced surveillance



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EU internal market animals and animal products

- Based on comprehensive EU legislation
- Member State of origin responsible for the safety of the animals and products – no internal border controls
- Prior notification (EU database TRACES) and official certificates for animals and germplasm – can be controlled at destination
- "Country freedom" -> regionalisation

Official certificate

according to the official animal health status of the Member States, zones or compartments involved

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Member States, zones and compartments declared disease-free

Disease	Member State	ISO Code	Geographical demarcation of the disease-free area (Member State, zones or compartments)
Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS)	► M4 Denmark ◀	► M4 DK ◀	► M4 Whole continental territory ◀
	Ireland	IE	Whole territory
	Cyprus	CY	All continental areas within its territory
	Finland	FI	All continental and coastal areas within its territory, except the Province of Åland
	Sweden	SE	Whole territory
	The United Kingdom	UK	All continental and coastal areas within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Jersey



Commission supports Member States

- "Common financial framework for food chain"
- Financial support for emergency measures and for eradication/control/monitoring programmes
- Programmes peer-reviewed & approved by Commission
- Progress reports to MS and Commission
- Expert groups give tailored technical assistance
- Financial and technical audits by Commission

Transparency is key

EU Commission Animal health and animal welfare

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/index_en.htm

Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed

http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfcah/animal_health/index_en.htm

Advisory group on Food Chain, AH & PH: 45 stakeholder organisations

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/dgs_consultations/advisory_group_en.htm

Commission audits: country profiles, audit reports & corrective actions

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food_veterinary_office/index_en.htm



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Thank you