



REPORT

GF TADs SGE LSD 2nd Teleconference on Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) LSD vaccination and vaccine supply in 2018

Monday, 26 February 2018, 14:00 CET (Brussels time).

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

(See ANNEX attached hereto-Excel File)

Updates were provided on the 2018 LSD vaccination plans, the estimated number of vaccine doses needed, the state of play of national procurement, vaccine doses in stock from previous year, doses estimated to be purchased as well as doses to be provided by the EU LSD vaccine bank in 2018.

Apart from grants from the EU LSD vaccine bank (see below), public procurement will be the other major source of LSD vaccines (Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria). In the case of Bulgaria in particular, a substantial quantity of LSD vaccines will also be provided by the national vaccine stocks of Austria.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC)

EU Support for LSD vaccination in South East Europe

Cost-free donations from the EU LSD vaccine bank.

Shipments of LSD vaccines from the EU LSD vaccine bank are planned/in progress to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (already received), Kosovo*, Montenegro, and Albania. These vaccines, together with the vaccines in stock from the previous year, will be sufficient to cover the needs for the entire 2018 vaccination programme in these countries (vaccination of all cattle). The EU LSD vaccine bank has sufficient capacity to provide the above support and even additional vaccines for the countries of SE Europe, for direct use, as and when needed. An additional LSD vaccine grant for Greece will also be considered at the request of this country.

Reimbursement for the cost of vaccines purchased by national funds and used in 2017.

Exchange of information and documentation is in progress with all countries in the region, regarding the reimbursement of the cost of vaccines purchased and used in 2017 as already discussed in previous GF TADs meetings.

Latest EFSA report on LSD

The latest EFSA report on LSD (<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/5176> , online since 19 February 2018) confirms the efficiency of the LSD regional vaccination strategy. EFSA also prepared a short film, showing how LSD vaccination progress limited disease spread and occurrence in SE Europe in 2016 and 2017 (https://zenodo.org/record/1162855#.WpWPR_5waUk).

GF TADs Chair

General comments

- Regional vaccination strategy continues in 2018, in view of the favourable results achieved to date.
- Effective implementation of LSD vaccination in 2018 is of particular importance, especially in Albania, as it could hold the key to LSD ultimate control and eradication in the whole region.
- The first GF TADs expert mission on LSD was carried out in Kazakhstan (19-23 February 2018) at the request of the competent authorities of this country, with a view to provide technical support, based on the experience gained in SE Europe.

Closing remarks – Future steps

Unless there is a need for an exceptional meeting, future plans for 2018 include:

- A GF TADS meeting in the margins of the OIE General Session, in May 2018
- A GF TADs meeting in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia after the summer, with plans for a discussion on the "LSD exit strategy".

List of participants

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