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NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Text of two faxes received on 1 and 5 February 1993 from Dr C.C.J.M. van der Meijs, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, The Hague:

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Final date of previous report period: 20 January 1993 (see *Disease Information*, 6 [2], 8).

Final date of this report period: 1 February 1993.

Number of separate outbreaks identified so far: forty-four (44).

Geographical identification of the new outbreaks: south-western part of the Netherlands:

41. Schijf (51° 30' N - 4° 34' E), North-Brabant province
42. Sprundel (51° 35' N - 4° 35' E), North-Brabant province
43. Rotterdam (51° 65' N - 4° 30' E), South-Holland province
44. Chaam (51° 30' N - 4° 51' E), North-Brabant province.

Details concerning the new outbreaks:

No.	Species	Number of animals in the outbreaks	Number of cases	Number of deaths	Number of animals destroyed	Number of animals slaughtered
41	avi	45	...	0	45	0
42	avi	15	...	0	15	0
43	avi	134	...	0	134	0
44	avi	4,500	...	0	4,500	0

Comments concerning affected population: outbreaks Nos. 41 to 43: hobby fowl; outbreak No. 44: broilers.

Control measures taken during report period: stamping-out; ban on the movement of birds, breeding eggs and manure, within a 10-km radius of the outbreaks.

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HOG CHOLERA IN CROATIA
Lifting of sanitary measures

Text of a fax received on 2 February 1993 from Dr S. Juzbasic, Director of the Veterinary Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Zagreb:

The last outbreak of hog cholera in Croatia was confirmed on 15 December 1992. No new outbreaks have occurred since that date. As Croatia has been free from hog cholera since 28 January 1993, all veterinary health measures taken in order to control this disease have been lifted.

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AUSTRALIA IS FREE FROM FOWL PLAGUE

Text of two faxes received on 3 and 4 February 1993 from Dr G. Murray, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Primary Industries and Energy, Canberra:

Stamping-out measures were taken on the single infected property on 31 July 1992. The surveillance and monitoring programme, which has been in place since the outbreak, has failed to detect any cases of the disease during the last six months.

Approximately 1,000 four-week-old broiler chickens were placed in the infected shed on the property in October 1992 and monitored twice weekly without any signs of disease until slaughtered. Serological tests and swabs collected for virus isolation were all negative for the presence of fowl plague.

The property was subsequently restocked with 22,000 seven-week-old breeder poultry, and there has been no evidence of the presence of fowl plague in samples taken for virus isolation and 300 blood samples taken for serological examination.

Australia can therefore be considered as free from fowl plague, with effect from 1 February 1993.

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NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN FRANCE
Lifting of sanitary measures

Translation of the text of a fax received on 3 February 1993 from Dr J. Adroit, General Directorate of Food, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Paris:

All restrictive measures relating to the twelve outbreaks of Newcastle disease (see *Disease Information*, 5 [50], 179) have been lifted, with effect from 1 February 1993, in the five departments concerned (Bas-Rhin, Côtes-d'Armor, Haut-Rhin, Haute-Saône, Moselle).

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