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NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN DENMARK

Text of a fax received on 23 August 1996 from Dr E. Stougaard, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Frederiksberg:

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Date of initial detection of animal health incident: 1 August 1996.

Estimated date of first infection: August 1996.

Number of separate outbreaks identified so far: two (2).

Geographical identification of the outbreaks:

1/96. Vester Skerninge, Fyn (Fünen) county

2/96. Helsingør, Frederiksborg county.

Details concerning the outbreaks:

No.	Species	No. of animals in the outbreak	No. of cases	No. of deaths	No. of animals destroyed	No. of animals slaughtered
1/96	avi	25	...	1	24	0
2/96	avi	25,600	...	~ 1,000	~ 24,600	0

Comments concerning affected population:

1/96. A small backyard flock used for egg production and direct sales from the farm. The flock consists of 9 hens and 16 chickens.

2/96. An egg-producing flock comprising 25,600 hens.

Comments concerning diagnosis: mild clinical signs in the flocks. Virological confirmation on 23 August 1996. Intracerebral pathogenicity index: 1.75 (outbreak No. 1/96) and 1.76 (outbreak No. 2/96).

Comments to date concerning epidemiology of the disease: the epidemiology of the disease is not yet known but contact farms are under investigation.

Control measures taken to date: slaughter and rendering of the entire flocks. Protection zone (3-km radius) and surveillance zone (10-km radius) established on 23 August 1996.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREECE
Zoning

Text of a fax received on 27 August 1996 from Dr D. Panagiotatos, Acting Head, Infectious Diseases Section, Directorate General of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Athens:

S. R. - 2 No. 4

Final date of previous report period: 20 August 1996 (see *Disease Information*, 9 [32], 125).

Final date of this report period: 26 August 1996.

No new outbreaks have been reported since the previous report and the disease appears to have been brought under control.

The European Commission organised an on the spot visit to Evros from 12 to 17 August in order to evaluate the situation and the overall efficacy of the control and safeguard measures imposed by the Greek Authorities.

The Commission experts concluded that these measures comply fully with the requirements of the community legislation, have led to the disease being placed under control and guarantee that the disease will not spread outside Evros Prefecture.

On the basis of these favourable conclusions, the Standing Veterinary Committee of the European Union held a special meeting on 22 August and adopted a proposal for a Commission Decision repealing Commission Decision 96/440/EC, which had placed the entire territory of Greece under quarantine, and regionalising Evros.

This new Decision is scientifically justified and restores intra-community trade in live animals and products of animal origin coming from or through Greece, with the exception of Evros.

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SHEEP POX IN BULGARIA

Text of a fax received on 28 August 1996 from Dr N.T. Belev, Delegate of Bulgaria to the OIE:

S. R. - 2 No. 2

Final date of previous report period: 16 July 1996 (see *Disease Information*, 9 [27], 99).

Final date of this report period: 20 August 1996.

Number of separate outbreaks identified so far: six (6).

Geographical identification of the new outbreaks:

5-6/96. Pastrogor village, Svilengrad district, Haskovo region.

Details concerning the new outbreaks:

No.	Species	No. of animals in the outbreak	No. of cases	No. of deaths	No. of animals destroyed	No. of animals slaughtered
5/96	ovi	47	14	0	47	0
6/96	ovi	42	4	0	42	0

Comments concerning diagnosis: during weekly clinical examinations for sheep pox in the village of Pastrogor, 18 clinically sick sheep were discovered in a flock having two owners. The animals had rhinitis, conjunctivitis and raised temperature, and erythematous plaques and papules on the head and belly.

Comments to date concerning epidemiology of the disease: an epidemiological investigation is being carried out.

Control measures taken during report period: the premises have been placed under strict quarantine. All affected and in-contact animals were immediately destroyed. Strict police control in Svilengrad district; trade and slaughter of sheep and goats in Haskovo region prohibited.

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