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BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY IN THE NETHERLANDS

Text of a fax received on 8 April 1997 from Dr C.C.J.M. van der Meijs, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries, The Hague:

Number of cases confirmed since 1 January 1997: two (2).

Location of the new outbreak: Kollum district (53° 18' N - 6° 10' E), Friesland province.

Date of detection of the new outbreak: 25 March 1997.

Total number of animals in the new outbreak:

susceptible	*cases*	*deaths*	*destroyed*	*slaughtered*
70	1	0	70	0

Description of affected population: dairy herd. The animal affected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy was a 6-year-old cow.

Diagnosis:

A. ***Laboratory where diagnosis was made:*** Institute for Animal Science and Health of the Department of Agricultural Research (ID-DLO), Lelystad.
B. ***Diagnostic tests used:*** histopathological and immunohistochemical research.

Source of agent / origin of infection: tracing on and tracing back for animals and feedstuffs.

Control measures during reporting period: stamping out.

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN KYRGYZSTAN

Emergency report

Translation of a communication received on 9 April 1997 from Dr B.M. Murataliev, Director General of Veterinary Services, Bishkek:

Date of initial detection of animal health incident: 7 February 1997.
Estimated date of first infection: 25 January 1997.

Location	***No. of outbreaks***
city of Osh	1

Description of affected population: privately owned mixed-bred cattle of various ages, kept confined by their respective owners. The disease was reported in a backyard in the city of Osh.

Total number of animals in the outbreak:

species	***susceptible***	***cases***	***deaths***	***destroyed***	***slaughtered***
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Diagnosis:
- ***A. Laboratory where diagnosis was made:*** Osh Regional Veterinary Laboratory.
- ***B. Diagnostic tests used:*** tests for specific antigens and antibodies.
- ***C. Causal agent:*** foot and mouth disease virus type O.

Source of agent / origin of infection: sick animals purchased in a neighbouring country were introduced in Kyrgyzstan without the authorisation of the Veterinary Services.

Control measures during reporting period: application of quarantine in the city of Osh; vaccination of all susceptible animals in the city of Osh and the adjacent districts.

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