

**Contents**

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Foot and mouth disease in Greece: the Delegate declares his country free | 71 |
| Newcastle disease in Ireland   | 72 |
| Newcastle disease in Germany: the Delegate declares his country free     | 72 |

**FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GREECE  
The Delegate declares his country free**

Follow-up report No. 5

*Text of a communication received on 28 April 1997 from Dr N. Meravoglou, Director General of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Athens:*

Outbreaks of foot and mouth disease (FMD) were reported in the Evros prefecture (north-eastern Greece) from 7 July to 30 September 1996 (see *Disease Information*, vol. 9, pp. 91 to 128).

The Greek Authorities applied a stamping-out/non-vaccination policy for the eradication of the disease, and for the last six months no suspected cases of FMD have been reported. Greece, therefore, meets the requirements of Article 2.1.1.2. of the OIE *International Animal Health Code* and we are hereby writing to claim "free status without vaccination" for the entire territory of Greece.

A Final Report on the eradication of foot and mouth disease in Greece was prepared in support of our claim\*. It reviews the history of the epizootic, focuses on its main epidemiological, clinical and laboratory features and provides serological, clinical and epidemiological evidence attesting to the eradication of the disease.

The Standing Veterinary Committee of the European Union, during its meeting of 8 and 9 April 1997, unanimously adopted a proposal for a Commission Decision recognising the eradication of foot and mouth disease and lifting all trade restrictions imposed on Greece due to the disease.

\* A copy of this report may be obtained on request from the OIE Central Bureau.

\*  
\* \*

### NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN IRELAND

#### Emergency report

Text of a fax received on 14 May 1997 from Dr M.C. Gaynor, Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Dublin:

**Date of initial detection of animal health incident:** 25 March 1997.

| <i>Location</i> | <i>No. of outbreaks</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| County Cavan    | 1                       |

**Description of affected population:** the poultry affected were comprised of two consignments of imported day-old chicks.

#### **Total number of animals in the outbreak:**

| <i>susceptible</i> | <i>cases</i> | <i>deaths</i> | <i>destroyed</i> | <i>slaughtered</i> |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 20,500             | ...          | 15,000        | 5,500            | 0                  |

**Diagnosis:** clinical signs first appeared on 25 March 1997. The signs were huddling, followed by collapse, with death one to two hours later.

**Causal agent:** isolation of paramyxovirus-1, C1 subtype, similar to that isolated in the outbreaks in the United Kingdom. The intracerebral pathogenicity index was 1.81.

**Control measures during reporting period:** stamping out; movement controls within a 10-km radius; restriction zone around the outbreak; surveillance, sampling and diagnostic testing of all poultry within the area.

\*  
\* \* \*

### NEWCASTLE DISEASE IN GERMANY The Delegate declares his country free

Text of a fax received on 15 May 1997 from Dr N. Voetz, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, Bonn:

Germany practises a stamping-out policy for Newcastle disease and may thus be considered as free from Newcastle disease with effect from 25 October 1996, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 2.1.15.2. of the OIE *International Animal Health Code*, since the last occurrence was on 25 April 1996.

The designations employed and the presentation of material in this publication do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever by the Central Bureau of the Office International des Epizooties concerning the legal status of any country or territory mentioned, or its authorities, or concerning the delineation of its frontiers or boundaries.

Unless otherwise stated, material published is derived from declarations made to the Central Bureau by the Veterinary Administrations of the countries and territories mentioned.