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VESICULAR STOMATITIS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Follow-up report No. 4

Information received on 30 May 2005 from Dr Peter Fernandez, Associate Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Washington, DC:

End of previous report period: 22 May 2005 (see *Disease Information*, **18** [21], 139, dated 27 May 2005).

End of this report period: 29 May 2005.

Precise identification of agent: vesicular stomatitis virus type New Jersey.

Date of first confirmation of the event: 27 April 2005.

Date of start of the event: 16 April 2005.

Nature of diagnosis: clinical and laboratory.

Details of new outbreaks:

First administrative division	Lower administrative division	Type of epidemiological unit	Name of the location	Date of start of the outbreak	Species	Number of animals in the outbreaks				
						susceptible	cases	deaths	destroyed	slaughtered
State of Arizona	Maricopa County	farm	Tolleson	19 May 2005	equ	25	1	0	0	0
State of Arizona	Yavapai County	farm	Verde	21 May 2005	equ	1	1	0	0	0

Description of affected population: horses located on two unrelated premises. The affected horse in Maricopa County is maintained as a hobby or companion animal and the other affected horse resides on a ranch in Yavapai County.

Diagnosis:

Laboratory where diagnosis was made	Species examined	Diagnostic tests used	Date	Results
National Veterinary Services Laboratories, Ames, Iowa	equ	complement fixation test	28 May 2005	positive

Source of outbreak or origin of infection: unknown or inconclusive (vectors?).

Control measures undertaken:

- control of arthropods;
- quarantine;

- on-going surveillance activities are being performed by APHIS Veterinary Services and New Mexico, Texas and Arizona State Departments of Agriculture personnel.

Treatment of affected animals: no.

Vaccination prohibited: yes.

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HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN THAILAND Follow-up report No. 56

Information received on 2 June 2005 from Dr Yukol Limlamthong, Director General, Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Bangkok:

End of previous report period: 19 May 2005 (see *Disease Information*, **18** [20], 133, dated 20 May 2005).

End of this report period: 2 June 2005.

No new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza have been reported.

Note by the OIE Animal Health Information Department: the last reported outbreaks were published in *Disease Information*, **18** [16], 109, dated 22 April 2005.

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