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Presentation of Swiss developments in the field of animal health

**Adjustments of the national legislation taking into account
Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and the Delegated and Implementing
Acts in order to maintain the equivalence with the
EU legislation**

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Common Veterinary Area

Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products, **Annex 11** on animal health and zootechnical measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products

- **Free movement** of animals, animal products and food of animal origin between Switzerland and the EU **with border checks only for Entry from third countries**

We do appreciate the following advantages:

- The good integration into the meetings of the Working and Expert Groups that has allowed us to follow the development of the Animal Health Law closely from the start
- The direct exchange of information on control measures against current threats (Avian Influenza, African swine fever etc.)
- The use of TRACES certificates (INTRA and ENTRY) including the technical support
- The access to BTSF training for our official veterinarians



Swiss Animal Health Strategy 2022+

Strategic goals:

- Federal government leadership in prevention, early detection and crisis preparedness.
- Cantonal veterinary services strengthen **intercantonal collaboration**.
- **Involvement of animal owners, veterinarians, animal health services and the industry** to share responsibility
- International cooperation
- Animal health research as needed on the farm, following the One Health approach.

Areas of activity (examples):

- Prevention
 - **Biosecurity measures** on farm
 - **Keeping animals healthy** with the help of the private veterinarian > e.g. reconsider trade timing of calves
 - Coordination of **private animal health services** for farm animals
 - **Closer cooperation** between authorities, private vets and animal health services
- Emergency preparedness
 - **Simulation exercises** on national and local level > e.g. [NOSOS21](#)
- Control of disease outbreaks

Source: [Stratégie Santé animale en Suisse \(admin.ch\)](#) > [Stratégie Santé animale en Suisse 2022+ \(PDF, 995 kB, 14.06.2021\)](#)



Adaptation of Swiss legal acts

EU legislation (examples):

Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and

- CIR 2018/1882 Categorisation
- CDR 2019/2035 Establishments
- CDR 2020/686 Germinal prod.
- CDR 2020/687 Control
- CDR 2020/688 Moving Animals
- CDR 2020/689 Surveillance
- CDR 2020/691 Aquaculture Est.
- CDR 2020/692 Entry
- CIR with certificates for FOOD, AQUA and TERRE
- CIR on control measures
> e.g. ASF and HPAI
- CDR 2023/361 vaccination

Swiss legislation (examples):

Law on animal diseases

- ✓ Control of diseases
- Prevention: improving animal health

Ordinance on animal diseases

- ✓ Categorisation
- ✓ Surveillance
- ✓ National control measures
- ✓ Germinal products
- ✓ Aquaculture establishments

Ordinances on trade
with the EU and with third countries

- ✓ Movement INTRA / Entry 21.04.2021
- Regular updates
- Control measures in trade



Categorisation of diseases

- ✓ [Ordinance on animal diseases](#), as of 1. November 2022
- **Listed animal diseases** in art. 2-5 including the relevant species:
 - Listing of new diseases according to AHL category
 - Upgrade where the category in AHL was higher, e.g. *Burkholderia mallei*
 - Category D: applicable through the ordinances on trade and the TRACES certificates
- Adaptation of the definitions for „suspected case” and “confirmed case” according to art. 9 CDR (EU) 2020/689
- Identification of camelids by microchip (all new born animals)



Surveillance and disease free status

- ✓ [Swiss surveillance program](#)
- Reporting of outbreaks via ADIS
- ✓ Disease free status: [Surveillance, eradication programmes and disease-free status \(europa.eu\)](#) → [Switzerland list](#)

Some examples:

- **Newcastle Disease:** maintenance of free status without vaccination after an outbreak in January and March 2022, thanks to the derogation in CDR 2020/689
- **BVD:** eradication is ongoing
- **BTV-8:** last cases in 2020; zero cases in surveillance 2021+ 2022 > application for free status

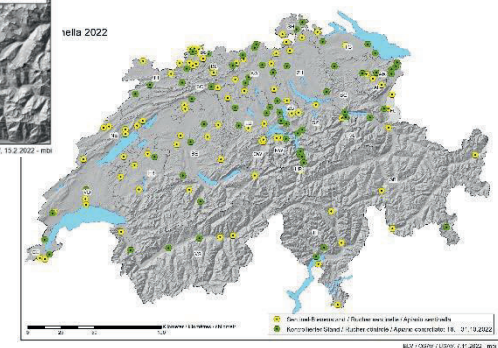
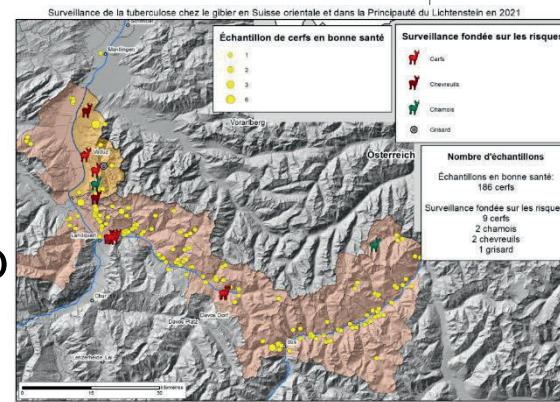
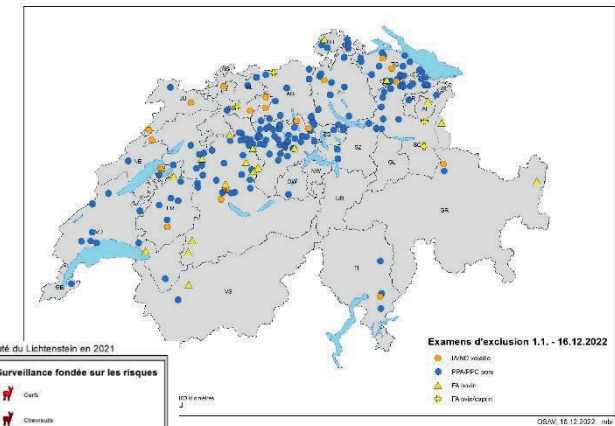
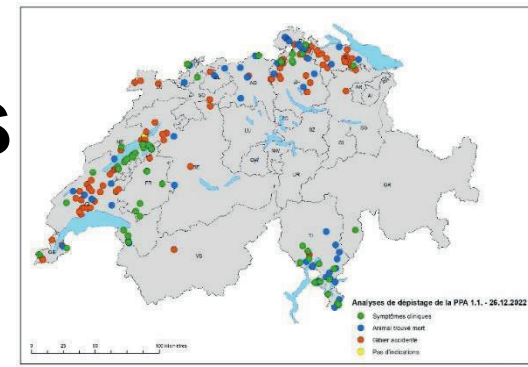
Swiss data on surveillance is published together with EU data:

- ✓ [Report Bovine and Swine Diseases Situation 2020](#)
- ✓ [The European Union summary report on surveillance for the presence of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies \(TSE\) in 2021 | EFSA \(europa.eu\)](#)



Early detection programs

- **African Swine fever** in [wild boar](#), map with tests in 2022
- [PathoPig](#): supporting a thorough assessment of herd health problems in pigs
- [Exclusion diagnostics](#) for **Cat. A diseases**, map with tests in 2022
- [Surveillance in wild animals](#) > early detection of **Tuberculosis in cervids**; map with tests in 2022
- **Small hive beetle**: [Apinella](#), map with checked apiaries in 2022



All test results shown on these maps were negative



Control of disease outbreaks

- Reciprocal recognition of regionalisation with joint [protective measures in trade](#)
- Collaboration with neighbouring EU Member States in case of transboundary outbreaks
- ✓ [Ordinance on animal diseases](#), as of 1. November 2022:
 - **Category A diseases: general restriction on the farm** under suspicion or with a confirmed case, **applying also to products and other goods**
 - Introduction of the „**Further restricted zone**“. First application for HPAI in February 2023.
 - **Derogation from killing of certain animals** (art. 13 (2) CDR 2020/687): protected/endangered species, kept for scientific purposes, rare breeds and animals of high genetic value. Applied for the Pelicans in the Tierpark Dählhölzli (CITES II)
 - **Preparing for African Swine fever in wild boar: possibility to restrict** the access to the forest
- National action plan for wild procine animals (CIR 2023/594)



Registered and Approved Establishments

[Lists of approved Swiss establishments \(admin.ch\)](#)

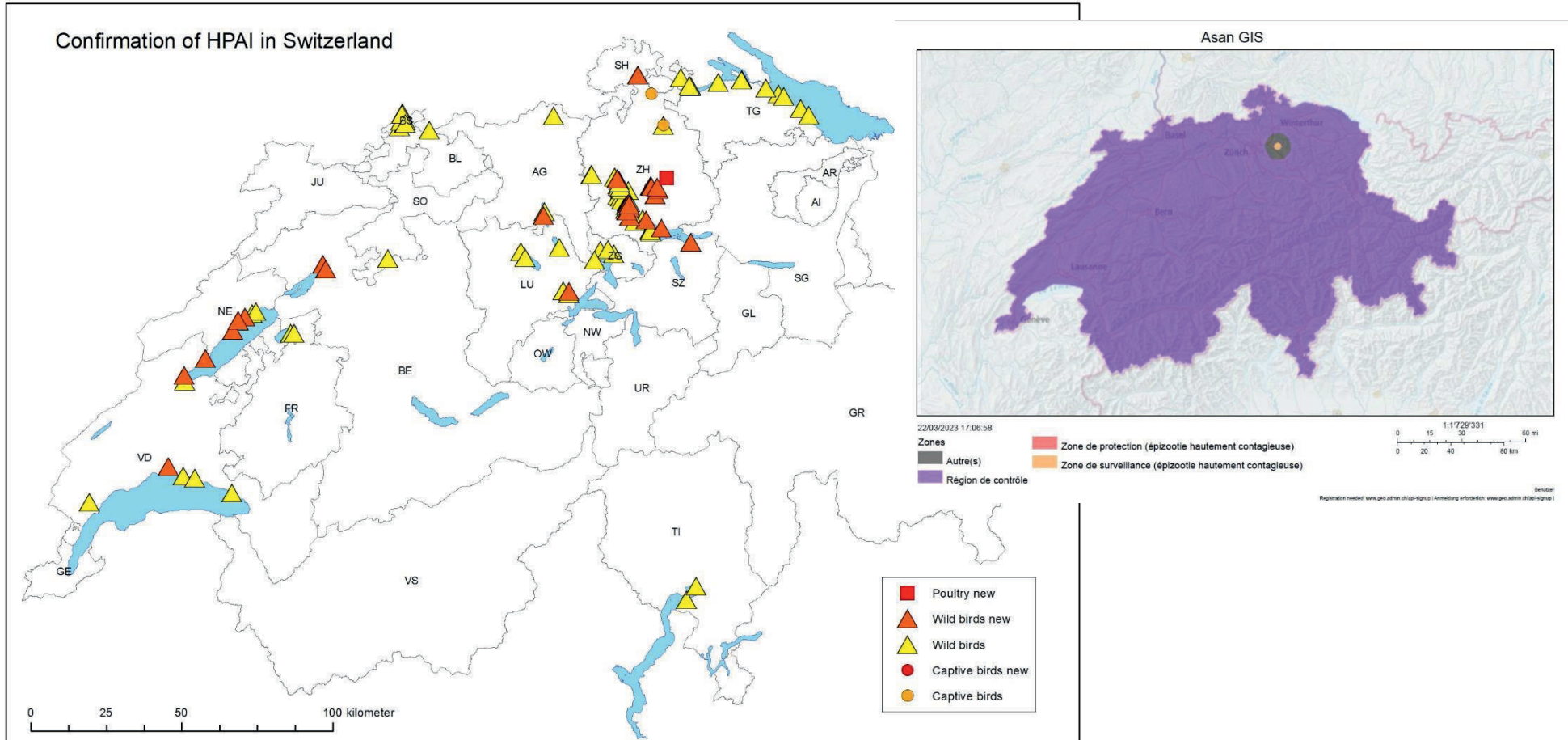
- ✓ Format according to the AHL
- TRACES operator activities

Adapation of the Ordinance on animal diseases as of 1.11.2022:

- ✓ Aquaculture establishments: enhanced record-keeping and documentation by operators
- ✓ germinal product processing establishments and collection and transfer of oocytes



Thank you very much for your attention!



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