

## **Intention to reduce the amount of serological tests for retaining the officially enzootic-bovine-leukosis- free status in Germany**



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## Current situation

- Since 1999 Germany is considered officially free of enzootic bovine leukosis (Article 1 and Annex I of Commission Decision 1999/465/EC)
- Last outbreaks

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total number of holdings</b>	<b>Number of holdings with infections</b>
2013	159.132	2

- No more outbreaks since 2013 !

## Legal basis

• **Council Directive 64/432/EEC**: second sentence of point F (d) of Chapter I of Annex D:

- No case of enzootic bovine leukosis in a proportion of **one herd out of 10 000 for at least three years**
- Decision may be taken in accordance with Article 17 that routine serological tests may be reduced provided that all bovine animals more than 12 months old in at least 1% of herds, selected at random each year, have been subjected to a test carried out in accordance with Chapter II

## Tests in 2015 with negative result

Test	number of holdings tested	numbers of ... tested
Serological	22.825	884.310 cattles
Milk pools	34.149	61.139 pools

- Total number of cattle in Germany: 12.812.577
- Total number of herds in Germany: 151.275

 **35,8 % of holdings were tested**



# Proposed random sampling

Federal State	Number of holdings	Number of random samples (1% of holdings)
Baden-Württemberg	17.310	174
Bavaria	49.116	492
Berlin	25	1
Brandenburg	4.389	44
Bremen	95	1
Hamburg	102	2
Hesse	8.775	88
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	3.247	33
Lower Saxony	21.865	219
North Rhine-Westfalia	17.947	180
Rhineland-Palatinate	5.370	54
Saarland	724	8
Saxony	7.175	72
Saxony-Anhalt	3.084	31
Schleswig-Holstein	7.915	80
Thüringia	4.126	42
<b>In total</b>	<b>151.265</b>	<b>1.521 *</b>

(Number of holdings in Germany 2014, Source Destatis)



**Number of tests reduced**

**Thank you for your attention!**