



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

D1 - Animal health and Standing Committees

Brussels,
D1/MCG/mb (07) D/412950

Meeting with vaccine producers on availability of vaccines against bluetongue, Brussels 21 November 2007

Participants: IFAH-Europe, eight vaccine producers (Intervet, Pfizer, Fort Dodge, Syva, I.Z.S. Teramo, Calier, CZ Veterinaria, Merial, Ceva Santé Animal), SANCO/D1.

1. Conclusions of the meeting:

- All companies attending the meeting are currently developing vaccines against Bluetongue and some of them are already producing against certain serotypes
- Vaccine producers provided assurance that they have enough production capacity to supply vaccines for mass vaccination in the EU against bluetongue (considering that the need might be up to 220 million doses of all serotypes of which 150 million doses for BTV-8 according to the preliminary estimates made by the Member States).
- In order to be able to provide the necessary amount of vaccines, the industry needs the Member States to launch a call for tender in the Member States. This must be rapidly followed by confirmation of orders such that production can be commenced given that the lag time between orders being received and product being delivered may be up to 6 - 8 months
- Vaccine producers asked for coordination between EMEA, DG ENTR and DG SANCO on the authorisation of vaccines suitable for mass vaccination (multi-strain dossiers and requirements for bluetongue vaccines in emergency vaccination are already addressed in EMEA working documents).

2. Companies that attended the meeting and data on vaccine production

The information below is only a preliminary indication of the capacity for vaccine supply:

Company	Serotype	Status	Availability (date)
Intervet	BTV-8	developing	May-2008
Pfizer	BTV-8	developing	Not for 2008
Fort Dodge	BTV-1	already marketing	
	BTV-4	BTV-4	
	BTV-8	developing	May-2008
Syva	BTV-1	already marketing	
	BTV-4	already marketing	
	BTV-8	developing	May-2008
I.Z.S. Teramo	BTV-1	already marketing	
	BTV-8	finalizing dossier	Dec-2008
Calier	BTV-4	already marketing	
	BTV-1	dossier presented for licensing	
CZ Veterinaria	BTV-1	already marketing	
	BTV-4	already marketing	
	BTV-8	starting in Jan-2008	June-2008
Ceva Santé Animal		developing	Not for 2008
Merial	BTV-2	already marketing	
	BTV-4	already marketing	
	BTV-8	developing	May-June 2008