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Eradication: Final report for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies 2019

For each approved annual or multi-annual programme Member States shall submit to the Commission by the 30 April each year an annual detailed technical and financial report covering the previous year. That report shall include the results achieved and a detailed account of eligible costs incurred (Art 14 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014).

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Reporting period

From: 2019

To: 2019

Year of implementation: 2019

1. Technical implementation of the programme

1.1 Description and evaluation of the evolution of the epidemiological situation, the technical implementation of the activities foreseen under the programme and the cost-effectiveness of the programme.

In accordance to EU Directives 999/2001/EC and 1041/2006 screening for TSE's has been carried out since March 2001,

The objective of the programme included:

- Achieving harmonization with other EU countries in veterinary control and surveillance programmes;
- The strengthening of veterinary epidemiological surveillance measures in accordance with EU legislation;
- Ensuring the early recognition of TSEs within the local animal population;
- The rapid implementation of investigation protocols with all relevant restrictions on the movement of animals and animal products coming into force until confirmatory results are received.

Brain samples for BSE testing have been taken from all bovines of the following groups:

- bovines exhibiting clinical signs of neurological disease
- dead animals over the 48 months of age
- emergency slaughtered animals over 48 months of age
- animals over 48 months of age with clinical signs at ante-mortem

The objectives of the programme in small ruminants were:

- a. To implement a TSE monitoring and surveillance programme as laid down in Reg. (EC) 999/2001

b. To identify the presence scrapie infected animals in the national flocks

At least 100 healthy slaughtered ovines and 100 healthy slaughtered caprines had to be sampled at slaughter.

At least 100 dead ovines and 100 dead caprines will be sampled. These animals had to be sampled at the central carcass disposal centre.

1.2 Details on the level of achievement of the targets set in the approved programme and technical difficulties.

In regards of the cattle during 2019 over 200 bovines have been tested amongst two risk animal categories (fallen and emergency slaughtered). Bovines with clinical signs of neurologic disease referable to TSE symptomatology were not notified in the considered period.

In the same time the targets of 100 animals (healthy slaughtered and fallen) for ovine and caprine species were widely exceeded.

No sample tested had a positive result.

1.3 Epidemiological maps for infection and other relevant data on the disease/activities (information on serotypes involved,...) (Please attach files of data using the PDF attachment feature) Use the textbox below to provide clarifications for the maps you attach, if needed.

The surveillance programmes are applied to the Islands of Malta and Gozo (one region);

There is a lack of grazing land available so livestock is reared on farms having a higher stocking density than would apply to an extensive system with an average farm size around 0.5 hectares.

The map attached shows the distribution of cattle farms on the Maltese Islands and in no one of all farms was detected a TSE case so far.

2. Tables for TSE monitoring outcome of the year

VERY IMPORTANT: Please fill out the following tables with figures corresponding to measures performed during the implementing period (1/1 to 31/12).

NB: the Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 is thereafter quoted as the TSE Regulation.

Table A

	Total positive cases detected during the implementing period		
	Classical cases	Atypical cases	Unknown
TSE	0	0	0
Scrapie (ovine animals)	0	0	0
Scrapie (caprine animals)	0	0	0

Table B

RAPID TESTS ON BOVINE ANIMALS		
	Age limit applied (in months)	Number of tests cases
Risk bovine animals from MSs listed in Annex to Decision 2009/719/EC	0	0
Risk bovine animals from MSs NOT listed in Annex to Decision 2009/719/EC	48	219
Healthy slaughtered bovine animals from MSs listed in Annex to Decision 2009/719/EC	0	0
Healthy slaughtered bovine animals from MSs NOT listed in Annex to Decision 2009/719/EC	0	0
Suspect animals and confirmatory tests		0
Total		219

Table C

Population of ewes and ewe lambs put to the ram in the Member State

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RAPID TESTS ON OVINE ANIMALS	
	Number of tests
Healthy slaughtered ovine animals	139
Dead ovine animals	303

In the context of measures of control/eradication on holdings affected by TSE as described in Annexes III and VII of the TSE regulation	
Ovine animals from holdings affected by classical scrapie	0
Ovine animals from holdings affected by atypical scrapie	0
Ovine animals from holdings affected by BSE	0
Suspect animals	0
Total number of tests	442

Table D

Population of goats which have already kidded and goats mated in the Member State

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RAPID TESTS ON CAPRINE ANIMALS		
	Number of tests	
Healthy slaughtered caprine animals		126
Dead caprine animals		164
In the context of measures of control/eradication on holdings affected by TSE as described in Annexes III and VII of the TSE regulation		
Caprine animals from holdings affected by classical scrapie		0
Caprine animals from holdings affected by atypical scrapie		0
Caprine animals from holdings affected by BSE		0
Suspect animals		0
Total number of tests		290

Table E

Confirmatory and discriminatory tests	
	Number of tests
Confirmatory tests other than rapid tests on bovine animals	0
Confirmatory tests on ovine and caprine animals	0
Discriminatory tests on bovine animals	0
Discriminatory tests on ovine and caprine animals	0
Total number of confirmatory tests	0
Total number of discriminatory tests	0

Table F

Genotyping tests	
	Number of tests
Positive TSE case	0
Randomly selected ovine animals	0
Animals in scrapie infected flocks	0
Breeding programme - ewes	0
Breeding programme - rams	0
Total of number of tests	0

Table G

COMPENSATION FOR ANIMALS In the context of suspicion, control and eradication of TSEs	
Animals culled and destroyed	Number of animals compensated
Bovine animals	0
Ovine animals	0
Caprine animals	0
Animals slaughtered	Number of animals compensated
Ovine animals	0
Caprine animals	0
Total Bovine	0

COMMENT / ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION

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