



Better Training for Safer Food BTSF Contingency planning and animal diseases

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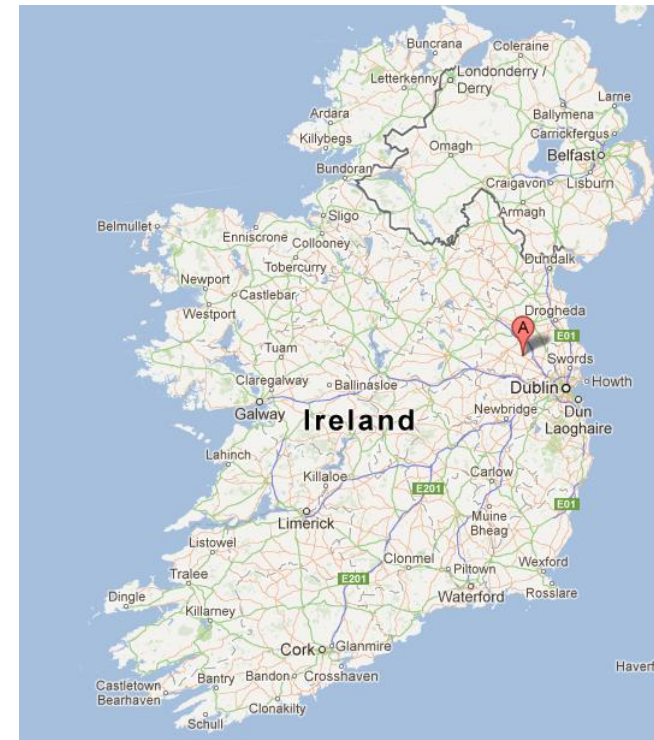


The role of the Food and Veterinary Office

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The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO)

- **FVO carries out audits to verify compliance with EU standards in animal health and welfare, food safety and plant health**
- **FVO's office is in Ireland**
- **160+ staff (50% inspectors)**



FVO (cont.)

- **FVO is one of seven Directorates of Directorate-General Health and Consumers (DG SANCO)**
- **DG SANCO is one of 33 Departments of the European Commission**
- **DG SANCO is based in Brussels and has around 900 staff in seven Directorates**

FVO structure

Seven Units

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- **F5: Animal nutrition, import controls and residues**
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Five Audit/inspection Units

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An FVO audit

- **Basis = EU legislation**
- **The system as it should be:**
Information from Competent Authority
- before and during the visit
- **The system in practice: visits on-the-spot**

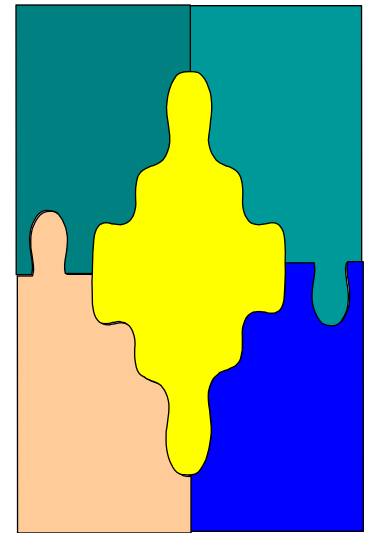
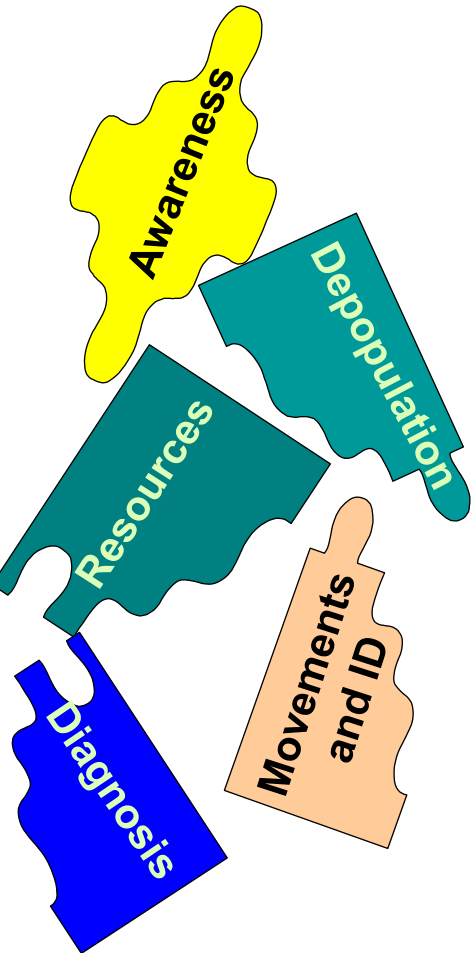
An assessment - based on sampling - of the performance of the Competent Authority (CA)

Simply:

Is there a system in place?

Can it work?

Does it work?



After the audit - report

- **Description of findings**
- **Conclusions on the effect/consequences**
- **Recommendations to the CA**
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FVO and contingency planning (CP)

- Council Directive 92/35/EEC – African Horse Sickness
- Council Directive 92/66/EEC – Newcastle Disease
- Council Directive 92/119/EEC – other OIE listed diseases
- Council Directive 2000/75/EC – Bluetongue
- Council Directive 2002/60/EC – African Swine Fever
- Council Directive 2001/89/EC – Classical Swine Fever
- Council Directive 2003/85/EC – Foot-and-Mouth Disease
- Council Directive 2005/94/EC – Avian Influenza
- Council Directive 2006/88/EC – Aquatic Animal diseases

The current EU CP-legislation

- Differences in wording, phrasing, scope, depth, details and structure of the requirements for contingency planning (not necessarily related to the specific disease conditions)
- FMD - the most advanced requirements
- The new EU Animal Health Law will contain general provisions for CP

Components of a contingency plan

- ✓ **Legal powers**
- ✓ **Financial provisions**
- ✓ **Chain of command**
- ✓ **NDCC, LDCC**
- ✓ **Expert group**
- ✓ **Human resources**
- ✓ **Equipment and infrastructure**
- ✓ **Operational manuals**
- ✓ **Emergency vaccination**
- ✓ **Training**
- ✓ **Disease awareness**

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Chain of command



- ✓ Overall direction of control strategies
- ✓ Delegation of duties
- ✓ Deployment of staff
- ✓ Liaison with diagnostic laboratory
- ✓ Communication: media, EU, MS, OIE....
- ✓ Liaison with livestock industry, veterinarians, etc.

Previous and planned FVO audits on contingency planning

First round:	1999/2002	15 MS
Second round:	2003/2004	
Third round:	2005/2009	12 MS
Fourth round:	starting 2012	
	2012	2 MS
	2013	6 MS

Overall report by FVO and external evaluation

- **DG SANCO 2003-9502**
series in 15 MS (FMD & CSF)
- **Evaluation of the EU rapid response network, crisis management and communication capacity regarding certain transmissible animal diseases (2012)**
/Agra CEAS Consulting Ltd. Food Chain Evaluation Consortium (FCEC)
Presented to CVOs in Cyprus, 3-4 September 2012

2012-2013 audits

Implementation of the CPs, with particular focus on:

- ✓ **CPs for all epizootics / emerging diseases?**
- ✓ **Simulation exercises**
- ✓ **Surveillance, early detection**
- ✓ **Depopulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009)**
- ✓ **Preparedness for emergency vaccination**

2012-2013 audits

Taking into account:

- ✓ **Identification of examples of best praxis**
- ✓ **Problems common to a number of MS**
- ✓ **Anomalies in current legislation**
- ✓ **Suggestions for consideration when subordinate legislation under the new Animal Health Law is drafted**

Information about animal health and welfare rules and measures can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/index_en.htm

More information on the FVO can be found here:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/index_en.cfm

FVO reports and CA action plans are published here:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/ir_search_en.cfm

All relevant Community legislation may be obtained from:

http://europa.eu/documentation/legislation/index_en.htm