

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 December 2003

laying down criteria for information to be provided in accordance with Council Directive 64/432/EEC

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/886/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1226/2002⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8, second paragraph thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 64/432/EEC provides that Member States shall forward to the Commission details on the occurrence of diseases listed in Annex E(I) and of any other diseases covered by the additional guarantees provided for by the Community legislation in its territory.
- (2) Commission Decision 2002/677/EC⁽³⁾ of 22 August 2002, as last amended by Decision 2003/394/EC⁽⁴⁾ lays down standard reporting requirements for programmes of eradication and control of animal diseases co-financed by the Community.
- (3) The information provided by the Member States may be used by the Commission to declare Member States and regions of Member States officially free of tuberculosis, brucellosis, or enzootic bovine leukosis as regards bovine herds or to suspend or revoke this status as laid down in Commission Decision 2003/467/EC⁽⁵⁾.

(4) As regards infectious bovine rhinotracheitis, the information provided by the Member States may be used by the Commission to grant or withdraw additional guarantees for Member States or regions of Member States free from the disease, as laid down in Commission Decision 93/42/EEC⁽⁶⁾, or which have a compulsory programme in place in accordance with Directive 64/432/EEC.

(5) As regards *Brucella suis* infection and transmissible gastroenteritis, the information provided by the Member States may be used by the Commission to grant or withdraw additional guarantees for Member States or regions of Member States which either have a compulsory programme in place or are free from the diseases, in accordance with respectively Articles 9 and 10 of Directive 64/432/EEC.

(6) Rules on the information to be provided by the Member States as regards Aujeszky's disease are laid down in Commission Decision 2001/618/EC⁽⁷⁾ and in particular in Annex IV to that Decision.

(7) In order to allow the Commission to assess the animal health situation properly, it is also appropriate to harmonise the presentation of the information provided by Member States for other diseases listed under Directive 64/432/EEC, i.e. rabies, foot-and-mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, swine vesicular disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, *Brucella suis* infection, transmissible gastroenteritis and anthrax where those diseases may affect bovine or porcine animals, while providing for certain derogations.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 179, 9.7.2002, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 229, 27.8.2002, p. 24.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 136, 4.6.2003, p. 8.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 156, 25.6.2003, p. 74.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 16, 25.1.1993, p. 50.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 215, 9.8.2001, p. 48.

- (8) It is therefore appropriate to define uniform criteria for the information provided by the Member States in relation to these diseases.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

If not otherwise required in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of Decision 2002/677/EC, the information forwarded by the Member States to the Commission pursuant to Article 8 of Directive 64/432/EEC on the occurrence of the diseases listed in Annex E to that Directive, with the exception of Aujeszky's disease, shall be based on the uniform criteria laid down in Annexes I to VII to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply for the first time to the information to be sent to the Commission by 31 May 2004, as regards the year 2003.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX IV

Criteria for the information to be provided in accordance with Article 8 of Directive 64/432/EEC on the occurrence and on the monitoring or eradication programme (not covered by Decision 2002/677/EC) of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis

Member State: Date of the report: Year:

Region ⁽¹⁾	Total number of existing bovine		Surveillance ⁽²⁾				Suspicion cases		Percentage		
	Herds	Animals	Serological tests		Examination by bulk milk samples		Number of animals tested	Number of infected animals	Officially free herds ⁽³⁾	Officially infected herds ⁽⁴⁾	
			Number of bovine herds tested	Number of animals tested	Number of infected herds	Number of infected herds					
Total											

⁽¹⁾ Detailed regional information is required, unless additional guarantees have been granted to the whole territory of the Member State in accordance with Article 9 or 10 of Directive 64/432/EEC.

⁽²⁾ Please give details.

⁽³⁾ Precise below the definition of free herds:

⁽⁴⁾ Precise below the definition of infected herds:

ANNEX V

Criteria for the information to be provided in accordance with Article 8 of Directive 64/432/EEC on the occurrence of rabies cases

Country: Reporting period:

Date (dd.mm.)	Area	Rabies cases														Human cases	Human exposure												
		Wildlife																											
		dog	cat	cattle	equine	sheep	goat	pig	stray dog	other	unspecified	fox	raccoon dog	raccoon	wolf	badger	marten	other mustelids	other carnivores	wild boar	roe deer	red deer	fallow deer	other	bat	unspecified			

Date of report:

The information shall be in the format used for quarterly reports on the occurrence of rabies sent by the Member States to the WHO Collaborating Centre for Rabies Surveillance and Research.
The Member States may provide the information also in the format of the annual report on the occurrence of rabies established by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Rabies Surveillance and Research, <http://www.who-rabies-bulletin.org>

ANNEX VI

Criteria for the information to be provided in accordance with Article 8 of Directive 64/432/EEC on the occurrence of cases of foot-and-mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, swine vesicular disease, classical swine fever and African swine fever

ANIMAL DISEASE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Date of the report: COUNTRY: (A): Number of outbreaks
 Reporting period: (B): Last date of confirmation

REGIONS		FMD	SVD	RINDER-PEST	CBPP	BT	CSF	CSF WB	ASF	ND	AI	PEE	Vesicular stomatitis	PPR	LSD	CAPRIPOX
	(A)															
	(B)															
	(A)															
	(B)															
	(A)															
	(B)															
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	(A)															
	(B)															
Total																

The Member States may provide the information in the format of the annual report extracted from the Animal Disease Notification System as regards these diseases.

ANNEX VII

Criteria for the information to be provided in accordance with Article 8 of Directive 64/432/EEC on the occurrence of cases of anthrax (bovine and porcine animals), *Brucella suis* infection and transmissible gastroenteritis (porcine animals)

Date of the report: MEMBER STATE: (A): Number of Outbreaks
 Reporting period: (B): Last Date of Confirmation

REGIONS		Anthrax (bovine animals)	Anthrax (porcine animals)	<i>Brucella suis</i> infection	Transmissible gastroenteritis
	(A)				
	(B)				
	(A)				
	(B)				
	(A)				
	(B)				
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	(A)				
	(B)				
Total					