EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA
Belgium
FASFC – DG Control Policy

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Overview of the situation

• 19 January 2010: message from UK about 2 EIA positive horses introduced on 22 December 2010 from BE and originating from RO

• 20 January 2010: investigation in BE in order to
  – identify the location of the remaining horses from the consignment
  – identify the in-contact animals
  – take the appropriate actions
Overview of the situation

- Epidemiological investigation
  - 18 horses (2 consignments) introduced from RO (SC COVEXIM 2000, MG ASCENDENT, DUMIMPEX SRL, Mândruloc) on 21 October 2009 in a dealer’s premises in Drongen
    - horses kept in a meadow next to the premises
    - other equidae present on the premises: 13 horses and 3 donkeys
    - no movements of other equidae
    - no equidae in the surroundings
  - 9 RO horses and 1 belgian horse sent to UK on 22 December 2009
Overview of the situation

• Epidemiological investigation
  – half November, 9 RO horses sent to Assebroek
    • horses kept in a meadow at 6 km from the premises
    • 38 horses in the premises (located in Oostkamp) (no direct contact with RO horses)
    • 2 horses in the surroundings (different owners)
  – half December, 2 RO horses sent from Assebroek to Zwevegem
    • no contact with other equidae on the premises or in the surroundings
    • sent back to Assebroek on 25 January 2010
  – 7 December 2009, 1 RO horse sold to a premises in Meetkerke
    • 1 other horse on the premises
    • no equidae in the surroundings
Overview of the situation

• Actions
  – Movement restrictions
    • on premises of Drongen, Oostkamp, Meetkerke and Assebroek (meadows) (+ 2 horses in the surroundings)
    • no movements of equidae on and off the premises
  – Isolation of horses
    • in Drongen, Oostkamp and Meetkerke (on premises)
    • 8 horses in Assebroek still in the meadow for some days till a premises could be found
    • 2 horses in Assebroek (surroundings) still in the meadows till owners are identified
Overview of the situation

• Actions
  – Sampling of RO horses and primary contact horses (Coggins test)
    • 29 January 2010 : 1 RO horse positive in Assebroek
    • 01 February 2010 : all contact horses negative in Drongen
    • results for the others contact horses waited for 04 February 2010
  – Positive horse
    • to be slaughtered this week
  – Follow-up of the remaining horses
    • Coggins test every month
    • movement restriction and isolation till 2 negative Coggins tests 3 months apart after the last contagious contact
    • all positive equidae to be slaughtered
Website

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