

ANNEX V

RESTOCKING OF HOLDINGS

1. General principles
 - 1.1. Restocking should not commence until 21 days after completion of the final disinfection of the holding.
 - 1.2. Animals for restocking can only be introduced under the following conditions:
 - 1.2.1. the animals shall not come from areas subject to animal health restrictions in relation to foot-and-mouth disease;
 - 1.2.2. the competent authorities must be satisfied that any possible residual foot-and-mouth disease virus can be detected in the animals intended for restocking either on the base of clinical signs, in the case of bovine or porcine animals, or through laboratory investigations in the case of other species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease, carried out at the end of the observation period specified in paragraph 1.3;
 - 1.2.3. in order to ensure an adequate immune response referred to in paragraph 1.2.2 in the animals intended for restocking, the animals must:
 - 1.2.3.1. either originate in and come from a holding situated in an area of at least 10 km radius centred on that holding where there was no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease for at least 30 days, or
 - 1.2.3.2. the animals have been tested with negative results in an assay as described in Annex XIII for the detection of antibodies against the foot-and-mouth disease virus carried out on samples taken prior to introduction onto the holding.
 - 1.3. Irrespective of the type of farming practised on the holding, re-introduction must conform with the following procedures:
 - 1.3.1. animals must be introduced in all units and buildings of the holding involved;
 - 1.3.2. in the case of a holding consisting of more than one unit or building, re-introduction is not necessary for every unit or building at the same time;

However no animals of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease may leave the holding until all the re-introduced animals in all units and buildings have fulfilled all restocking procedures.

- 1.3.3. animals must be subjected to clinical inspection every three days for the first 14 days following the introduction;
 - 1.3.4. during the period from 15 to 28 days after re-introduction, animals are to be subjected to clinical inspection once every week;
 - 1.3.5. not earlier than 28 days after the last re-introduction, all animals must be clinically examined and samples for testing for the presence of antibody against foot-and-mouth disease virus shall be taken in accordance with the requirements of point 2.2 of Annex III;
 - 1.4. The restocking procedure shall be considered completed when the measures provided for in point 1.3.5 have been completed with negative results.