

Council Directive 2003/85/EC of 29 September 2003 on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease repealing Directive 85/511/EEC and Decisions 89/531/EEC and 91/665/EEC and amending Directive 92/46/EEC (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER III

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

SECTION 13

CONTROL CENTRES AND EXPERT GROUPS

Article 75

National/Central disease control centres — Technical requirements

- 1 Member States shall ensure that the national/central disease control centres have all the necessary means including staff, facilities and equipment, to manage an efficient eradication campaign.
- 2 The means referred to in paragraph 1 shall include at least the following:
 - a a herd identifier and animal location system, preferably computerised;
 - b all suitable means of communication including telephones, fax and if possible facilities for communication with the media;
 - c a communication system allowing exchange of information with the local disease control centres, the laboratories and other relevant organisations, preferably computerised;
 - d maps and other sources of information that can be used in directing control measures;
 - e a shared daily journal which shall be maintained to record in chronological order all the events associated with an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease and allowing different activities to be linked and coordinated;
 - f lists of national and international organisations and laboratories that are interested in an outbreak of foot-and-mouth and shall be contacted in such an event;
 - g lists of staff and other persons who may be called upon immediately to serve at local disease control centres or in expert groups provided for in Article 78 in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease;
 - h lists of competent environmental protection authorities and bodies to contact in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease;
 - i maps identifying appropriate processing site areas;
 - j lists of treatment and processing undertakings authorised to treat or process animal carcasses and animal waste that could be commissioned in the event of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, in particular, indicating their capacity, address and other contact details;

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- k lists of measures to monitor and control disinfectant run-off as well as body tissue and fluid displacement into the surrounding environment as a result of carcass decomposition, particularly into surface waters and groundwaters.