

New annual reconfirmation form for the maintenance of BSE risk status

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- ✓ **May 2023:** General Session: adoption of new BSE standard and a delayed use of 1 year
- ✓ **November 2023:** Annual reconfirmation campaign: use of BSE form in accordance with 2022 Terrestrial Code BSE standards
- ✓ **May 2024:** After General Session: full implementation of 2023 Terrestrial Code BSE standards
- ✓ **November 2024:** Annual reconfirmation campaign: use of new BSE form in accordance with 2023 Terrestrial Code BSE standards



QUESTION 1. Has the risk assessment for BSE in accordance with Article 11.4.3 been **reviewed** by the Competent Authority of the country/zone, through incorporation of documented evidence, in the past 12 months?



YES

Provide the conclusions of the review and any subsequent actions/updates that may have been taken.



QUESTION 1. Has the risk assessment for BSE in accordance with Article 11.4.3 been **reviewed** by the Competent Authority of the country/zone, through incorporation of documented evidence, in the past 12 months?

NO

Explain why and provide the tentative date of completion of the review.



QUESTION 2 a) Have there been any **changes in the livestock industry practices** in the past 12 months, as described under Point 1.b.i of Article 11.4.3., including any **changes in auditing practices** or any **increase in non-compliances detected**?



YES

Provide:

- an updated description of the industry practices preventing bovines from being fed ruminant-derived protein meal (i.e. demographics, feeding practices, slaughtering and waste management, rendering practices, feed production, labelling, distribution and storage) (*Point 1.b.i of Article 11.4.3*)
- the rationale for the changes in auditing practices.



QUESTION 2 a) Have there been any **changes in the livestock industry practices** in the past 12 months, as described under Point 1.b.i of Article 11.4.3., including any **changes in auditing practices** or any **increase in non-compliances detected**?



Countries selected for comprehensive review: Provide an updated description of the industry practices preventing bovines from being fed ruminant-derived protein meal (i.e. demographics, feeding practices, slaughtering and waste management, rendering practices, feed production, labelling, distribution and storage) (Point 1.b.i of Article 11.4.3)



QUESTION 2 b) Have there been any **changes to the BSE-specific risk mitigation measures** (other than import requirements addressed under question 4b) during the past 12 months, as described under Point 1.b.ii of Article 11.4.3., including any changes in auditing practices or any increase in non-compliances detected?



YES

Provide:

- an updated description of specific risk mitigation measures preventing bovines from being fed ruminant-derived protein meal (e.g., feed ban, parameters of the rendering process, prevention of cross-contamination during rendering, feed production, transport, storage and feeding)
- the rationale for the change in measures.



QUESTION 2 b) Have there been any **changes to the BSE-specific risk mitigation measures** (other than import requirements addressed under question 4b) during the past 12 months, as described under Point 1.b.ii of Article 11.4.3., including any changes in auditing practices or any increase in non-compliances detected?



NO



QUESTION 3 Have any **modifications in the legislation regarding BSE** (except for import requirements addressed in question 4b) been made during the past 12 months?



YES

- Summarise the modification(s) made, highlighting their potential impact on BSE risk mitigation measures, including surveillance. Please explain how the updated legislation still aligns with Articles 11.4.4 and 11.4.5.
- Provide the rationale for the change in legislation.



QUESTION 3 Have any **modifications in the legislation regarding BSE** (except for import requirements addressed in question 4b) been made during the past 12 months?

NO



QUESTION 4 a) Have the following commodities been **imported** during the past 12 months: i. **Bovines**, ii. **Ruminant-derived protein meal**, iii. **Feed (not intended for pets) that contains ruminant-derived protein meal**, iv. **Fertilizers that contain ruminant-derived protein meal**, v. **Any other commodity that either is, includes, or could be contaminated by commodities listed in Article 11.4.15.?**

NO



QUESTION 4 b) Have there been any **changes to the import requirements** of the following commodities during the past 12 months: i. Bovines, ii. Ruminant-derived protein meal, iii. Feed (not intended for pets) that contains ruminant-derived protein meal, iv. Fertilizers that contain ruminant-derived protein meal, v. Any other commodity that either is, includes, or could be contaminated by commodities listed in Article 11.4.15.?

YES

- Summarise the modifications, the rationale for the changes, and highlight their potential impact on BSE risk mitigation measures.
- Describe how the updated legislation is still aligned with Articles 11.4.3. and 11.4.4.



QUESTION 4 b) Have there been any **changes to the import requirements** of the following commodities during the past 12 months: i. Bovines, ii. Ruminant-derived protein meal, iii. Feed (not intended for pets) that contains ruminant-derived protein meal, iv. Fertilizers that contain ruminant-derived protein meal, v. Any other commodity that either is, includes, or could be contaminated by commodities listed in Article 11.4.15.?

NO

If the import requirements have not changed to adapt to the current BSE Chapter, explain how your import requirements are compliant with the current requirements.



QUESTION 5 a) Has the **surveillance programme** continued to **report and test all animals that show signs on the clinical spectrum of BSE** during the past 12 months, as described under Points 1 & 2 of Article 11.4.20.?



YES

Clinical presentation (See Point 2 of Article 11.4.20)	Number reported	Number tested for BSE
Bovines displaying progressive clinical signs suggestive of BSE that are refractory to treatment and where the presentation cannot be attributed to other common causes of behavioural or neurological signs		
Bovines showing behavioural or neurological signs at antemortem inspection at slaughterhouses/abattoirs		
Bovines presented as downers (non-ambulatory) with an appropriate supporting clinical history (i.e., the presentation cannot be attributed to other common causes of recumbency)		
Bovines found dead (fallen stock) with an appropriate supporting clinical history (i.e., the presentation cannot be attributed to other common causes of death)		

Describe actions taken to adapt the surveillance to the new provisions.



QUESTION 5 a) Has the **surveillance programme** continued to **report and test all animals that show signs on the clinical spectrum of BSE** during the past 12 months, as described under Points 1 & 2 of Article 11.4.20.?

NO

- Describe why the system has not continued to report and/or test all bovines that show signs on the clinical spectrum of BSE during the past 12 months.
- Provide the corrective measures implemented/to be implemented and the timeline for implementation.



QUESTION 5 b) Have the **awareness** and **training programmes** for the different stakeholder groups been implemented during the past 12 months as described under Point 3a of Article 11.4.20.?



YES

Provide a summary of the activities conducted, including the target audience.



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NO

Describe why and provide the corrective measures and the timeline for implementation.



QUESTION 5 c) Has BSE continued to be **notifiable** throughout the whole territory during the past 12 months (Point 3b of Article 11.4.20)?



YES



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NO

Describe why and provide the corrective measures implemented/to be implemented and the timeline for implementation.



QUESTION 5 d) Have all **tests** for BSE been conducted in accordance with the Terrestrial Manual? (Point 3c of Article 11.4.20)



YES



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Describe why and provide the corrective measures implemented/to be implemented and the timeline for implementation.



QUESTION 5 e) Is the **surveillance** system still **supported by robust, documented evaluation procedures** as listed in Point 3d of Article 11.4.20?



YES

If applicable, provide:

- a summary of any changes in the evaluation procedures (i.e., definition of the target population for BSE surveillance, reporting of bovines described in points 2 a) to 2 d), determination of animals to be subjected to laboratory testing, collection and submission of samples for laboratory testing, follow-up epidemiological investigations for BSE positive findings)
- any non-compliances detected and subsequent corrective measures.



QUESTION 5 e) Is the **surveillance** system still **supported by robust, documented evaluation procedures** as listed in Point 3d of Article 11.4.20?

NO

Describe why and provide the corrective measures implemented/to be implemented and the timeline for implementation.



QUESTION 6 a) Have any cases of **atypical BSE** occurred during the past 12 months?



YES

Provide:

- the number of cases and how the cases were identified.
- documented evidence that the case was atypical and assurance that it wasn't recycled (i.e. that measures were taken to ensure that all detected cases have been completely destroyed or disposed of to ensure they did not enter the feed or food chain, as per point 4 of Article 11.4.4., including traceability measures to ensure the tested animal was slaughtered)



QUESTION 6 a) Have any cases of **atypical BSE** occurred during the past 12 months?

NO



QUESTION 6 b) Have any cases of **classical BSE** occurred during the past 12 months?



YES

Provide/describe:

- investigation report provided to WOAHP following the notification
- how the cases were identified.
- assurance that it wasn't recycled (i.e. that measures were taken to ensure that all detected cases have been completely destroyed or disposed of to ensure they did not enter the feed or food chain, as per point 4 of Article 11.4.4. , including traceability measures to ensure the tested animal was slaughtered)
- measures taken to avoid



QUESTION 6 b) Have any cases of **classical BSE** occurred during the past 12 months?

NO



QUESTION 7) Have any **changes in the epidemiological situation** or other significant events occurred during the past 12 months?



YES

Please describe the “significant event(s)” and any significant changes in the epidemiological situation and the actions taken in response to such events/changes.



QUESTION 7) Have any **changes in the epidemiological situation** or other significant events occurred during the past 12 months?



NO

Thank you

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