

### Better Training for Safer Food

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#### Case study in a small ruminant flock Practical experience in the Netherlands

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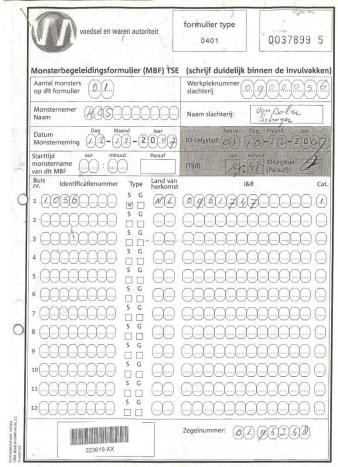


#### Sampling at slaughterhouse

by Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority

(NVWA)

- Sampling by NVWA
- Transport to CVI
- Rapid test: positive
  - Initial test
  - Second test to exclude possible exchange of samples in batch





## First actions CVI after positive rapid test

- Results send to VIC/NVWA by fax
  - National flock number 0961747/animal number 1056
  - Results will be send by LIMS 24 hours later
- Confirmation by histology/IHC
  - Will take appr. one week
- Immunoblot
  - Pattern: atypical/classical scrapie
  - In case of classical scrapie pattern: discriminatory immunoblot to exclude BSE (in this case: classical scrapie!)
- Genotyping (in this case: ARQ/VRQ)





# First actions NVWA after positive rapid test

Described in "draaiboek scrapie" (scrapie protocol, based on EU 999/2001)



#### **Draaiboek Scrapie**

Afdeling Incidentmanagement, Meldkamer en Dierziektebestrijding januari 2009 versie 6.4



# First actions NVWA after positive rapid test

- VIC informs local NVWA at slaughterhouse
  - copy of transport documents
  - details of the animal (sex, all ear tag numbers)
  - animal incl. all organs, waste send to rendering plant
  - head of the animal send to NRL (CVI) for additional examination (genotyping, histology, IHC on brain/tonsils or lymph nodes)
- VIC informs the holding of origin (I&R) about the suspicion of scrapie
  - official movement restrictions
  - fallen animals have to be send to NRL





# Visit to holding of origin and inquiry by NVWA

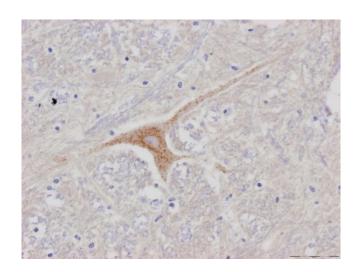
- I&R records of the holding (administration)
- origin of the suspect animal: in this case ewe born on the farm, age 3.5 yrs
- inventory of all animals present: in this case only sheep (no dairy sheep): 144 sheep
- clinical inspection: no suspects
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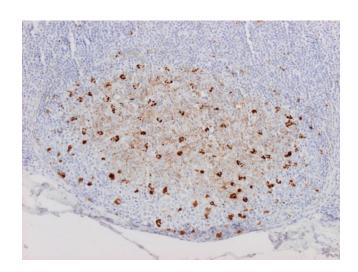




### **Confirmation of diagnosis by CVI**

- In this case: histology negative, immunohistochemistry positive (decisive test)
- IHC tonsils: positive
- Genotype ARQ/VRQ (brainstem and brain from the head)









### **Further actions by NVWA**

- VIC informs holding: officially infected and official TSE control measures in force (EU 999/2001)
- Second visit to the holding and inquiry
- Checking the number of sheep/identity of all sheep/genotypes?/closed flock?
- In this case in December 144 breeding sheep, genotypes unknown except for the rams, closed farm
- Third visit: blood samples for genotyping, send to CVI





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### Genotyping

144 animals
ARR/ARR 28
ARR/ARQ 63
ARR/VRQ 16
ARQ/ARQ 31
ARQ/VRQ 6

Q = Q or H
Rams: all ARR/ARR

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2	RAA0046427-02	Scrapie	ARQ/ARQ			1		961747	310
3	RAA0046427-03		ARQ/ARQ			1		961747	402
4	RAA0046427-04		ARQ/ARQ			1		961747	412
5	RAA0046427-05		ARQ/ARQ			1		961747	418
6	RAA0046427-06		ARQ/ARQ			1		961747	444
7	RAA0046427-07		ARQ/ARQ			1		961747	454
8	RAA0046427-08		ARQ/ARR		1			961747	455
9	RAA0046427-09		ARR/VRQ			1		961747	705
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### **Further actions by NVWA**

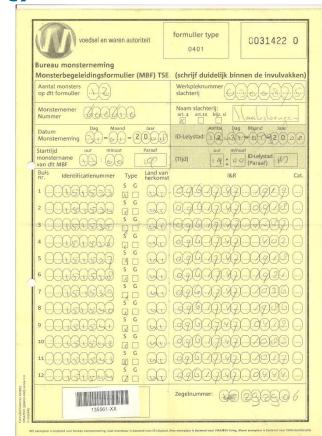
- fourth visit to the holding
- estimating the value of all 53 "susceptible" sheep to be killed
- fifth visit within 5 working-days: transport of 53 sheep to slaughterhouse (or CVI)
- killing of sheep: taking brainstem samples for TSE testing
- culled animals transported to rendering plant
- brainstem samples and heads send to CVI
- control visits to the holding for at least a period of 2 years







- Rapid tests on 53 samples
- Positives: 3 (2x ARQ/VRQ, 1x ARQ/ARQ)
- Confirmed by histology or/and IHC







### **Control visits by NVWA**

- For a period of at least 2 years
- Clinical examination
- Only ARR/ARR rams used
- I&R check
- All animals eartagged?
- Administration check
- All heterozygous animals transported from the farm with permission of the NVWA?
- All fallen animals transported to CVI? 4 ARR/ARR and 9 ARR/ARQ in two years: all negative!
- Restrictions lifted after two year period











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