

SIMULATION EXERCISE

Communications Advisory

TRIPARTITE EXERCISE 2000 FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSE SIMULATION

On November 6-9, 2000, Canada, the United States and Mexico are conducting a **simulated “outbreak” of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)** for the purpose of emergency planning.

**IMPORTANT:
THERE IS NO OUTBREAK OF FMD IN CANADA
THIS IS A SIMULATION EXERCISE**

This advisory informs trading partners, governments, industry and the public in advance that this is a foreign animal disease response SIMULATION EXERCISE. Simulations will occur in Ontario, Alberta, Texas, U.S.A, and Tamaulipas, Mexico.

This exercise builds on our current emergency response infrastructure and the development of similar contingency plans for other foreign animal diseases. What is learned from this exercise will prepare the Agency and its partners to respond even more effectively in the event of a real disease outbreak. Canadian and international evaluators will oversee the simulation, and a summary of their findings will be made available following the exercise.

This exercise is the first of its kind and provides all three countries with a unique opportunity to apply their individual and collective emergency response plans. FMD was chosen because part of the simulation involves mobilizing the North American FMD Vaccine Bank of which all three countries are contributing members.

Partners and participants in this exercise include:

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Dirección General de Salud Animal, Comisión Nacional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SAGAR)
Animal Products Directorate, Laboratories Directorate, Policy, Planning and Coordination Directorate,
Centre for Policy and Epidemiology, National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease, CFIA
CFIA Area Network Offices (Programs and Operations) in Alberta and Ontario
Provincial Ministries of Agriculture
Canadian Cattlemen’s Association, Canadian Pork Council, Canadian Dairy Breeds
Emergency Measures Ontario, Emergency Preparedness Canada

Information on the simulation exercise will be available under HOT TOPICS on CFIA’s Website: www.cfia-acia.agr.ca/. Also available on USDA’s APHIS Website: www.aphis.usda.gov/

Confirmation that a simulation exercise is underway is also available by calling 1-800-442-2342.

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