



Schmallenberg virus in the EU

Preliminary findings
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What is it?

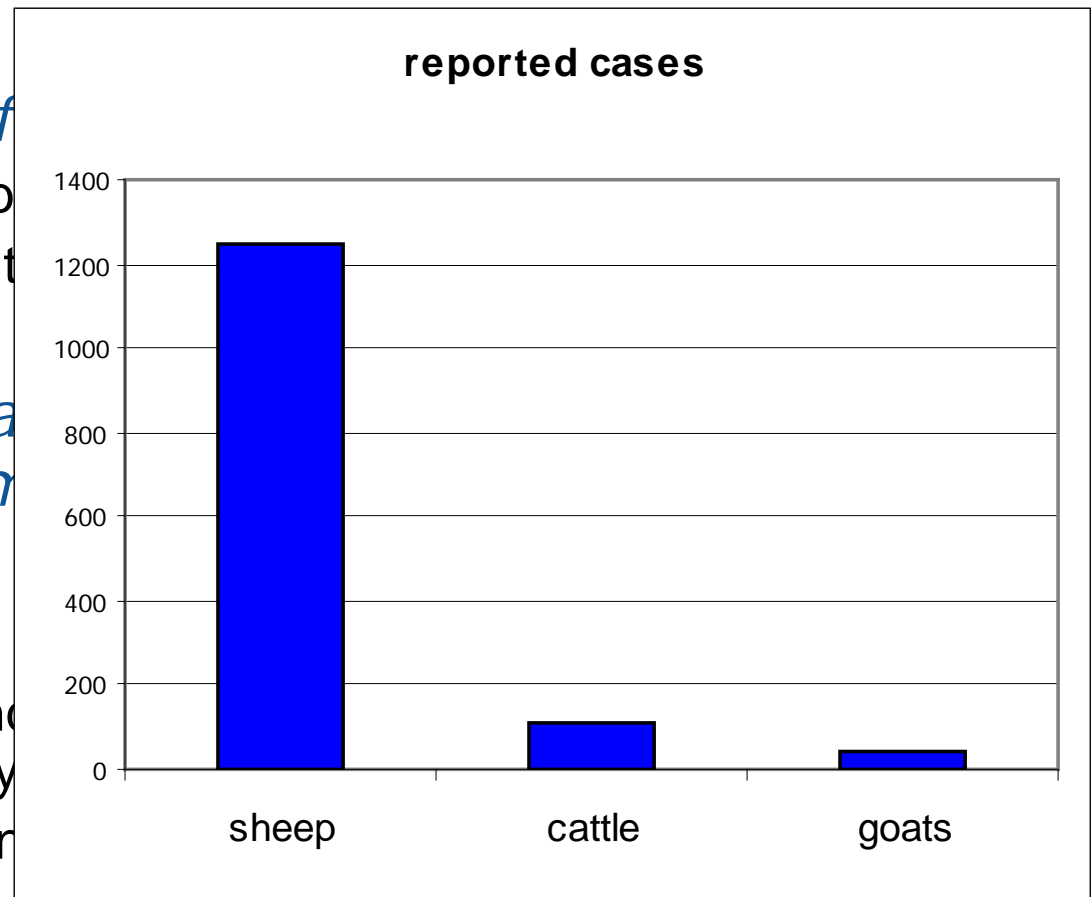
Orthobunyavirus of

- Similar to Akab
- Vector-transmit

*Identified in Germany
the United Kingdom
Luxembourg*

Clinical signs:

- Adults: mild and
yield) → mainly
- Foetus: congener





What is the EU doing?

Coordinating an effective EU response

- **Proportionate**
- **Single voice**
- **Transparency**
- **Studies for supporting future legislation**
- **EFSA and ECDC**

Trade approach

- No trade restrictions in relation to the Schmallenberg virus as well as any other Orthobunyavirus
- It is not an OIE listed disease
- There are no viremic animals in the EU
- It is not a zoonosis

There is no rationale for imposing trade measures on this virus

Why is it on the news?

- Few losses in livestock production
 - No zoonotic impact
 - Quick and natural immunity
 - No competent vectors currently present
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- Emerging disease
 - Lack of diagnostic tools
 - Uncertainties by third countries

“Schmallenberg” in Google





DG SANCO web page

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/schmallenberg_virus/index_en.htm