

## Updated Situation Assessment No.13

# Bluetongue virus (BTV-8) in France

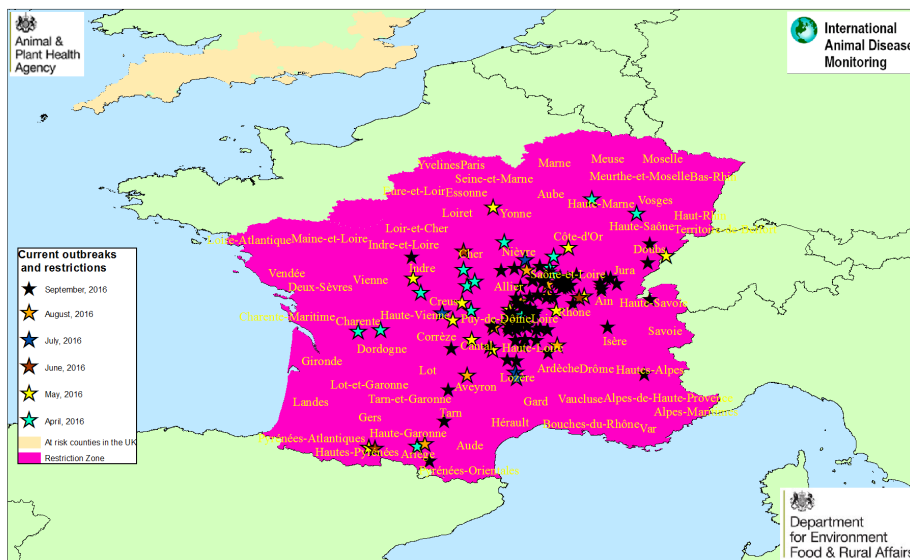
26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Ref: VITT/1200 BTV-8 in France

## Disease Report

France has reported sixty three new outbreaks (since our last update on the 14<sup>th</sup> September) in the départements of Ain, Allier, Ariège, Aveyron, Cantal, Corrèze, Doubs, Hautes-Alpes, Haute-Loire, Haute-Savoie, Indre, Isère, Jura, Loire, Lozère, Nièvre, Puy de Dôme, Rhône Saône et Loire and Tarn regions, making a total of 381 outbreaks (OIE,

2016; see black stars on the map below). All of the cases were detected as part of active surveillance as part of pre-movement testing, and all were in cattle where just one or two animals tested positive out of the consignment (variable numbers). None were clinical cases.



Map Prepared by IDM  
 Absolute Scale 1:5,400,000

BTV-8 in France: outbreaks detected since April 2016 and current Restriction Zones\* by date of map

Date prepared 26/09/2016

0 45 90 180 270 360 Km

\* restriction zones are available on the French Min of Ag website  
<http://agriculture.gouv.fr/liste-des-departements-et-des-communes-classes-en-zone-reglementee-fco>

The extent of the restriction zone has

not changed as a result of these cases and has been the same since April 2016.

## Situation Assessment

The temperature in the UK has dropped over the last week but not enough to prevent midge activity. The probability of wind borne midge movement has been predominantly low except for the last four days, when the south coast has again been at risk, if disease were present along the north coast of France.

France is carrying out monthly sentinel surveillance in the free regions along the north coast, as well as the regions on the border of the restriction zone. They will be testing 180 cattle from 9 holdings in each region using PCR; no cases have been reported there yet.

## **Conclusion**

Our risk level remains the same as our previous report, at medium, for this time of year. This level could still increase at any time over the next few weeks, as the French Authorities continue with sentinel surveillance and if the virus is found to be circulating in the northern France.

We will continue to monitor the current situation in France and report any further updates from the French Authorities.

BTV-8 vaccine has been available for the GB market since mid-July, and the decision to vaccinate should be taken by the farmer, in consultation with their private veterinary surgeon.

For information on bluetongue and the vaccine availability in GB, see the announcement by the NFU at [www.nfuonline.com/bluetongue](http://www.nfuonline.com/bluetongue)

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