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Vaccinations

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Report Highlights:

Taiwan reported cases of Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle on the main island of Taiwan in April 2021 and Taiwan's Council of Agriculture began a vaccination program in response. This report contains a link to Taiwan's notification of the outbreak to the World Organization For Animal Health (OIE).

General Information:

On April 16, 2021, the Taiwan Council of Agriculture (COA) begin vaccinating cattle for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) after eight beef cattle infected with LSD were found in New Taipei City in northern Taiwan.

This occurrence marks the first known incident of LSD on Taiwan's main island. LSD has been detected in the past year on Taiwan's outlying Kinmen Island.

The eight infected cows were culled and cremated, while restrictions on cattle movement in the area were put in place. Cows within three kilometers of the infection cases will be restricted in movement for 28 days after they receive the vaccination. No restrictions have been placed on cattle outside of the affected region.

Taiwan has over 14,000 LSD vaccines on hand. COA Minister Chen Chi-chung said that biosafety measures, such as access restrictions, vector controls, and area sterilizations, would be put in place.

The source of the infection is not confirmed but is believed to be due to mosquito or other insect transmission from Kinmen or China.

On April 15, Taiwan reported the LSD outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). The notification can be accessed at the link below:

<https://wahis.oie.int/#/report-info?reportId=32088>

Attachments:

No Attachments.