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The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA) would like to inform you that Denmark was declared free of bluetongue from 1 January 2011. The EU Commission has approved an application from Denmark to change the Danish bluetongue status to free of the vector transmitted viral infection bluetongue.

The basis for the application is:

- The latest outbreak of bluetongue in Denmark was in November 2008.
- Monitoring of vectors, which transmits the bluetongue virus, has been carried out since the autumn 2007. The monitoring was conducted to determine the vector free periods, where there can be no transmission of virus.
- Additionally there have also been monitoring studies carried out for bluetongue in blood and milk samples from cattle in 2007-2010, the majority of studies conducted in the autumn months when the risk of virus transmission is greatest.
- In 2008 and 2009 vaccination of susceptible livestock species was conducted (cattle, sheep and goats). A campaign of mandatory vaccination ensured that a high proportion of the animals were vaccinated. In 2010, vaccination against bluetongue was voluntarily.
- Circulating bluetongue virus has not been found in Denmark for two years.

Please don't hesitate to contact the DVFA should you have any questions or comments.

Yours faithfully,

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