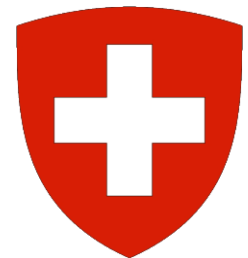
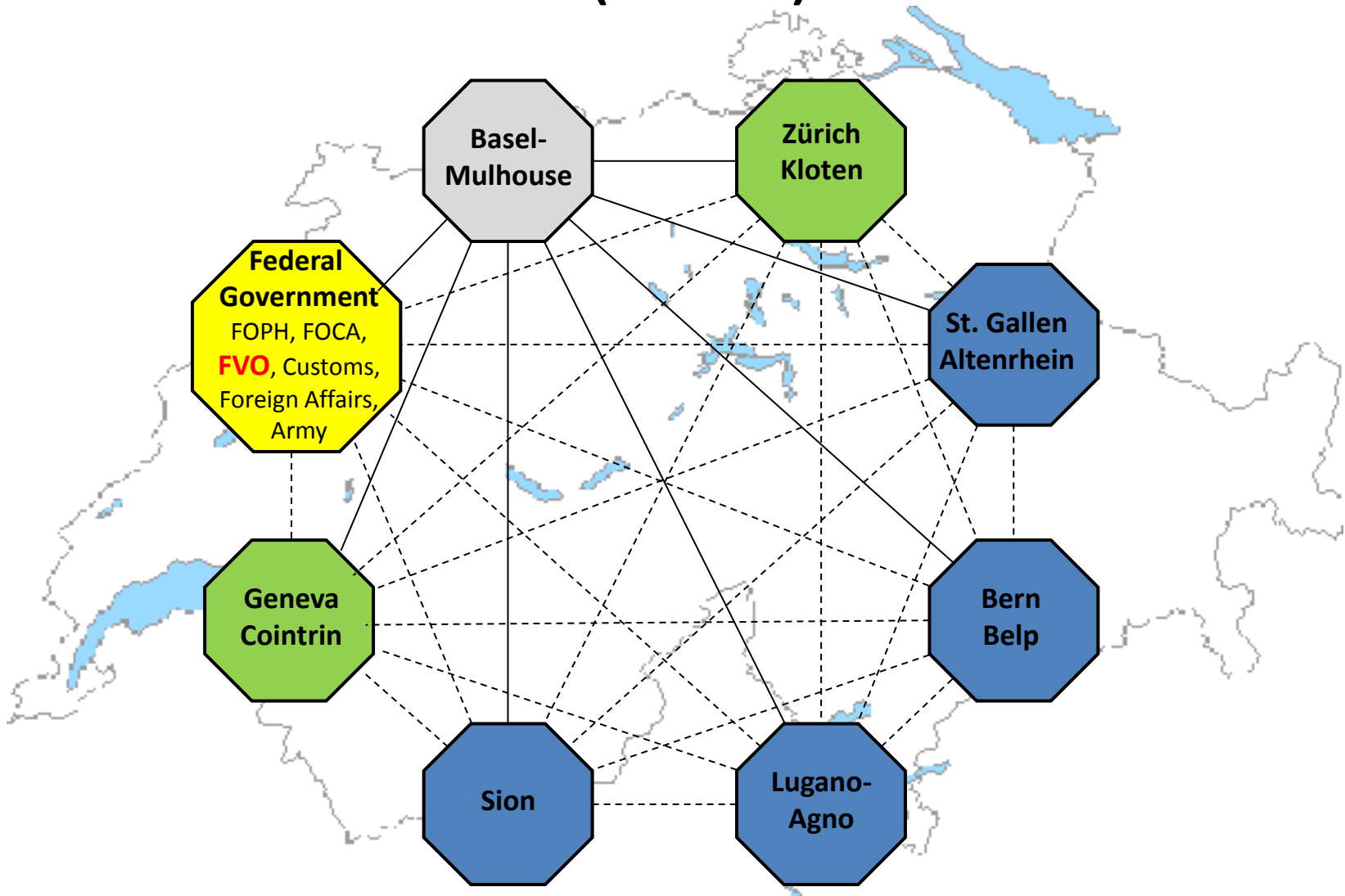


The Swiss Border Veterinary Service

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Swiss Airport Travel Medicine Network (2004)



Swiss Federal Veterinary Office

Missions

- Healthy animals
- Healthy people
- Safe foods
- Successful trade

Tasks and responsibilities

- prepare laws & regulations
- advice the cantons
- supply information
- support research & continuing education
- regulate import / export conditions
- border control



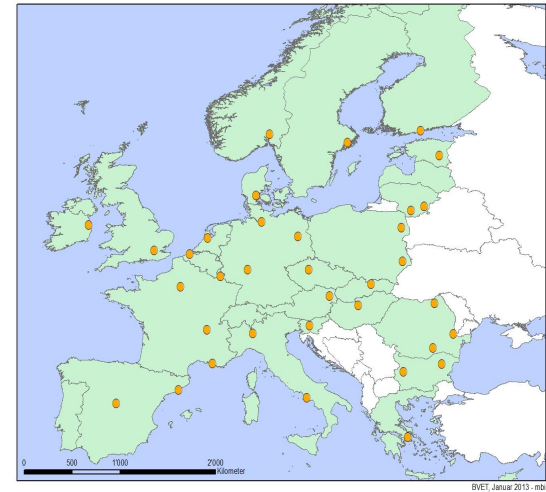
The Swiss Border Veterinary Service

- Swiss custom with Borders Inspections Posts
- Swiss custom without Borders Inspections Posts
- Central competent authority

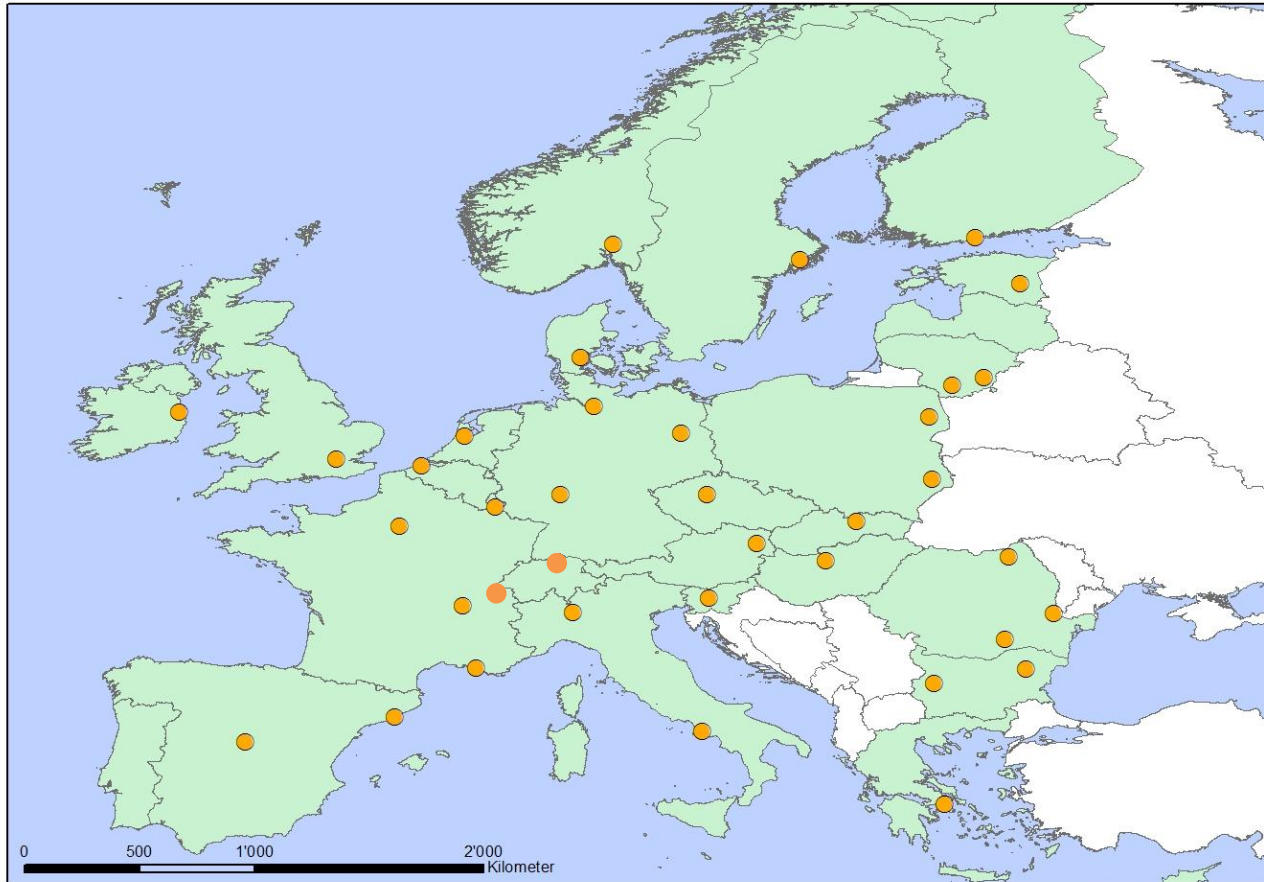


What's a BIP?

- BIP = Border Inspection Post
- EU Agreement of a BIP is necessary
- Agreement in veterinary affairs between Switzerland and EU (since 1.1.2009)
- Common veterinary space=Joint defensive strategy
- Live animals and products of animal origin present a high level of risks as they can transmit serious human and animal diseases
- Veterinary border control = key factor to ensure safety of
 - live animals
 - products of animal originentering to the European Union and Switzerland (=Common veterinary space)



The BIP's of the EU



What is controlled at the BIP?

- **Live animals**
- **Products of animal origin**
 - meat and meat products
 - milk and milk products
 - eggs
 - genetics (sperm, embryo)
 - animal by products (skin, blood products, hunting trophies)



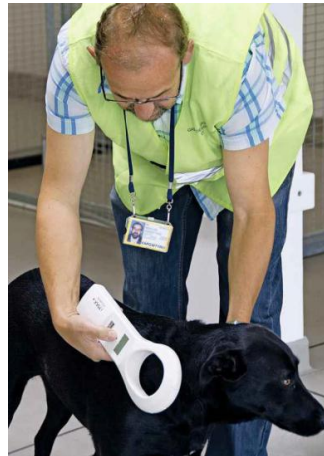
from **third countries** covered by the EU Legislation
(Commission Decision 275/2007)

How we check

- Documentary check



- Identity check



- Physical check



The Border Inspection Post of Zurich Airport

- Team:
 - 6 Border Veterinarians
 - 3 Border Veterinarian Assistants
- Consignments per year
 - ~ **7000** – **products** of animal origin (mostly meat, fishery products)
 - ~ **2000** – **animals** (mostly fish, amphibians, reptiles, mice)



The Border Inspection Post of Geneva Airport

- Team
 - 5 Border Veterinarians
- Consignments per year
 - ~ **1000** – **products** of animal origin (mostly fishery products)
 - ~ **800** – **animals** (mostly fish, amphibians, reptiles, mice)



The Central Competent Authority

- Federal Veterinary Office (FVO), Berne



- Team: 3 persons
- Tasks: coordination, legislation, internal audit, coaching and guidance of the borders inspections posts, coaching of importers and custom, coordination with the EU authorities

TRACES

- = **TRA**dE **C**ontrol and **E**xpert System
- = Trans-European network for veterinary health
- **Notification, certification and monitoring** of imports and trade of animals and animal products
- Enables the authorities to **trace** all animals and products of animals origin **imported into the EU**
- In case of an epidemic, it is possible to **trace back** all the consignments that came through the BIP's (origin, destination...)



Legislation



SPS-Agreement (WTO)

OIE

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

Veterinary agreement EU-Switzerland

National legislation for importation

Tierseuchenverordnung
(Ordinance for animal diseases)

Lebensmittelverordnung
(Ordinance for Food Safety)

Tierschutzverordnung
(Ordinance for Animal Welfare)

Flow of Pets, Luggage of travellers and Freight



Pets and luggage

Freight

**CH
CUSTOM**



BIP

Personal luggages of travellers

**Schleppen Sie keine Tierseuchen
in die Schweiz ein!**
Erzeugnisse tierischer Herkunft können
Träger von Tierseuchenerregern sein.

**Keep animal diseases
out of Switzerland!**
Products of animal origin
may carry agents of animal disease.



Die Einfuhr dieser Erzeugnisse aus Ländern ausserhalb der EU
und Norwegen ist grundsätzlich verboten.
It is strictly forbidden to import these products into Switzerland
from countries other than EU Member States and Norway.



Reisende sind verpflichtet, alle tierischen
Produkte aus Ländern ausserhalb der EU
und Norwegen dem Zoll vorzulegen.

Travellers must present all animal products
from countries other than EU Member States
and Norway to Customs.

Personal luggage of travellers

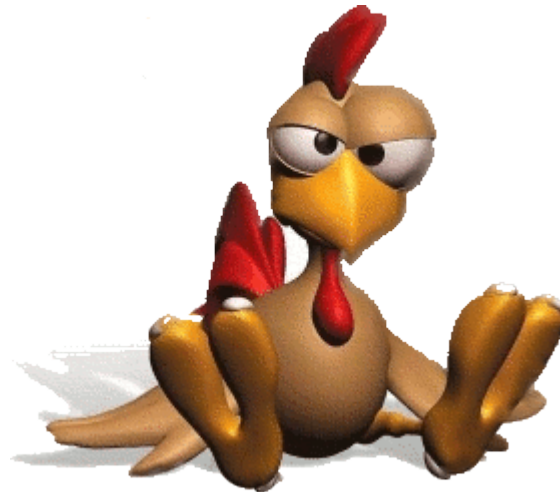
Some exceptions:

- **up to 20 kg:**
 - fresh, eviscerated fish or fishery products
- **up to 2 kg:**
 - frog's legs
 - eggs (excepted from China, South Korea and Malaysia)
 - honey
 - live oysters and mussels, snails



Which epidemics could be limited by the veterinary inspections?

- Some examples with zoonotic potential:
 - Rabies
 - BSE
 - Avian Influenza



Case: Avian Influenza

- **6th June 2013** – Airport Vienna
- Inspection of passenger luggage coming from Indonesia by the custom
- **60 smuggled birds**
 - 37 birds already dead
 - remaining animals quarantined at the BIP
- Necropsy and sample from the dead animals
 - **H5N1** was found
 - All birds were euthanized



→ Need for **close collaboration** between veterinary services, public health professionals, customs and airports

Questions ?
Thank you for your attention

