

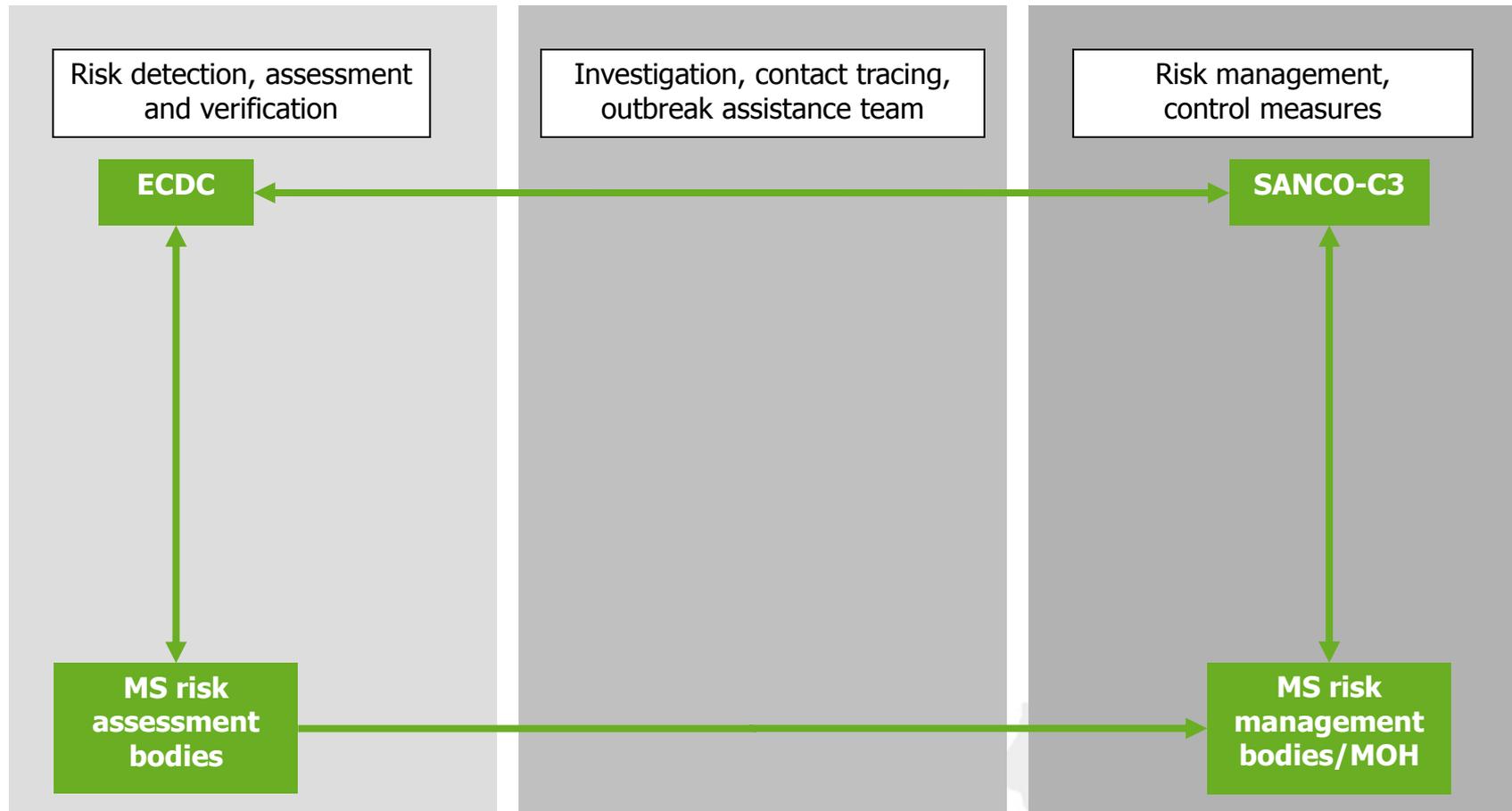


Information processing for public health threats from an EU perspective

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Mandate

According to the [Article 3 of the Founding Regulation](#), ECDC's mission is to identify, assess and communicate current and emerging threats to human health posed by **infectious diseases**.





Open web-sources:



- National health authorities
- International public health agencies
- Peer reviewed journals



Restricted web-sources:



- EU Early Warning Response System (EWRS)
- International Health Regulations (IHR) Event Information Site

Web-official information

Web-unofficial information



A virtually unlimited amount of web-based information

- media aggregators
- early warning systems
- selected blogs
- informal communications
- social networks
- more

In most cases this information needs to be validated

The Early Warning and Response System

OFFICIAL INFORMATION



Early Warning and Response system



- European Network for epidemiological surveillance and control
- Established in 1998
- Aims to ensure rapid alerting and response to communicable disease incidents
- Coverage: EU plus European Economic Area Countries
- Accessible to WHO
- Hosted and maintained by ECDC
- Restricted access



EWRS establishment



Establishment: **EC decision 2119/98** by European Parliament and Council

According to which authorities should communicate:

- i) information about appearance/resurgence of cases of communicable diseases (CD) including control measures;
- ii) any relevant information concerning progression of epidemic situations;
- iii) info on unusual epidemic phenomena or new communicable diseases of unknown origin, including in non-member countries;
- iv) info concerning existing and proposed mechanisms and procedures for the prevention and control, in particular in emergency situations;
- v) any info which could help MS to coordinate their efforts for CD prevention and control of CD, including any counter measures implemented.

The **EC decision 2000/57/EC** and its **amendment decision 2008/351/EC** describes the operation of the Early Warning and Response system:

- **an early warning and response system to report specified threats** to the public transmitted by the competent public health authorities of each Member State responsible for determining measures which may be required to protect public health;
- **exchange of information between accredited structures and authorities** of the Member States relevant to public health;

Early Warning and Response System (EWRS)



Events to be reported:

- Outbreaks of communicable diseases extending to *more than one EU MS*
- Spatial or temporal clustering of cases of diseases of a similar type, if pathogenic agents are a possible cause and there is a *risk of propagation between EU MS*
- Spatial or temporal clustering of cases of disease of a similar type outside the EU, if pathogenic agents are possible cause and there is a *risk of propagation to the EU*
- The appearance or resurgence of a communicable disease or an infectious agent which may require timely *coordinated EU action* to contain it;
- *IHR event in the EU*: disease/occurrence that creates a potential PHEIC as defined by IHR (2005) and related measures to be notified to WHO)

EWRS software platform

- Designed and **managed** by the EC
- ECDC hosts the EWRS since Nov 2007
- Communication platform for **risk management**
- MS health authorities report control measures taken for public health events with EU relevance
- Open to EC, ECDC and national authorities responsible for Public Health risk management
- EU MS report control measures taken for events defined by specific criteria **MANDATORY NOTIFICATION**
- SMS and web/mobile access

EWRS: three levels of notification

3 levels which determine subsequent response:

- Level 1: Information exchange
- Level 2: Potential threat
- Level 3: Definite threat

Early warning and response system

The Network for the Surveillance and Control of Communicable Diseases has been established by the European Parliament and Council Decision 2119/98/EC. The aim of the

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Reporting Member

Name  ECDC [Pedro Arias](#)
Institution European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Event Information

Message Content: 
Syndrome / Disease:
Additional specification if needed
Pathogen:
Reporting Reason: 
Country of Occurrence:

Date of onset/detection: 2008 February 14

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Notify this event under IHR 2005

- Is the PH impact of the event serious?
- Is the event unusual or unexpected?
- Is there any significant risk of international spread?
- Is there any significant risk of international restriction(s) to travel or trade?

- Confidential consultation
- Other reports
- Reply to a WHO request of verification

MESSAGE:

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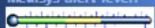
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EPIS and EWRS



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Urgent Inquiries : Increase in specific monophasic variant Salmonella 4,12,i- in France

Urgent Inquiries

ECDC Summary

May 28, 2010

The French authorities are reporting an increase in the specific monophasic variant Salmonella 4,12,i-
The vehicle of the transmission is dried pork sausage which is sold pre-packaged. This product has been distributed in France and Belgium. A recall in France is underway and a RASFF notification was issued (2010.0670)

Save

Responses

Date	Country	Has Cases	Cases	Epidemiological Information	Suspected Sources	Organism Characteristics
28/05/2010 14:46	France		88	The French authorities are investigating an increase in the specific monophasic variant Salmonella 4,12,i-. Eighty-eight confirmed cases have been reported as of 27th May 2010. The cases are aged from 1 to 89 years old (median age of 8) and sex-ratio is 1. Cases reported date of symptom onset between 15 March 2010 and 9 May 2010 with the peak in week 15 (mid April). Cases are geographically spread throughout the country.	Epidemiological investigation has identified a dried pork sausage which is sold pre-packaged as the vehicle of transmission. A trace-back investigation has identified a contaminated batch which comes from a single producer and was distributed nationwide to one supermarket chain from the 3rd to the 17th of March 2010. The expiry date of this batch ranges from the 1st-15th June 2010.	The MLVA subtype of the epidemic strain is "3-13-15-NA-211"
29/05/2010 16:13	Denmark	No	0	We have never had any isolates with this MLVA profile.		
31/05/2010 09:01	Finland	No	0	No strains of this specific monophasic variant in 2010. The MLVA subtype was not found in our database.		
31/05/2010 09:10	Hungary	No	0			
28/05/2010 16:23	Luxembourg	No	0	we don't have this particular MLVA profile in our database neither in 2010 nor in previous years (2006-2009)		

Attachments

There are no attachments.

Actions

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Started: 28/05/2010 14:46 by Nathalie JOURDAN DA SILVA France

Add UI Data

Reply with UI data

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Increase in specific monophasic variant Salmonella 4,12,i- in France

The dried pork sausage has been exported to Belgium only. However, it cannot be excluded that foreign tourists have consumed or purchased the sausage in France.

The supermarket chain has withdrawn the contaminated batch in question from their stores and a nationwide recall is underway as of 27th May 2010.

For further information and if

- any cases Salmonella 4,12,i- possibly associated with consumption of dried sausage from France are identified in your country
- or any recent increase in Salmonella 4,12,i- cases is identified in your country
- or any case of Salmonella 4,12,i- with the same MLVA profile is identified in your country

Please contact

Nathalie Jourdan (n.jourdan@ecdc.europa.eu)



This List: Urgent Inquiries

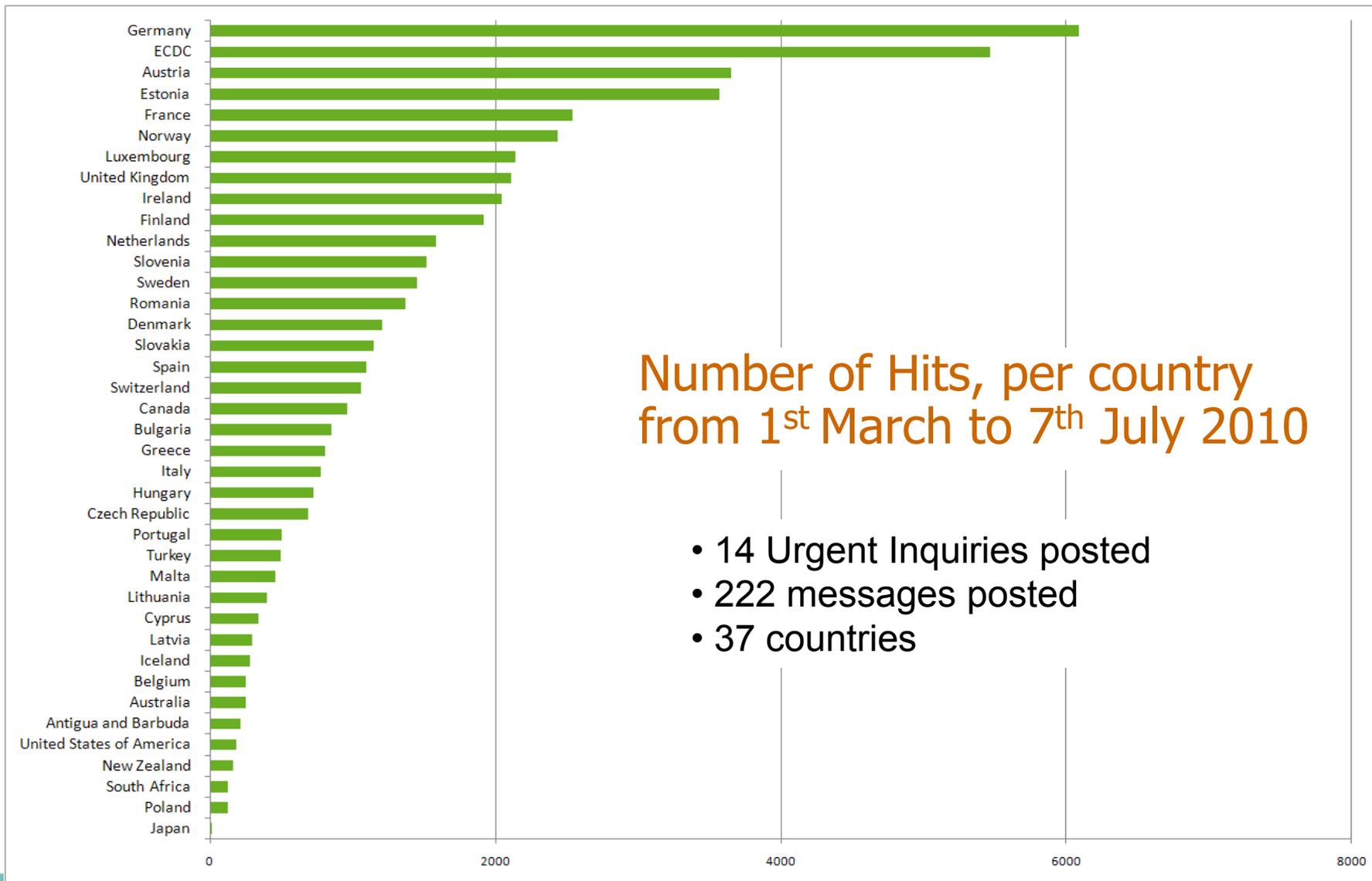
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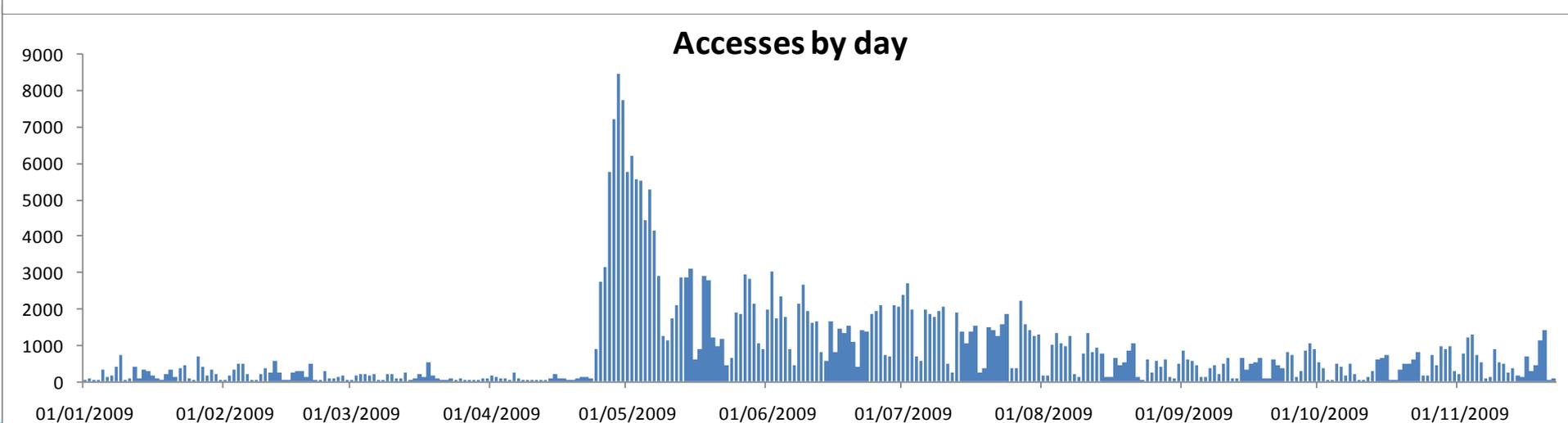
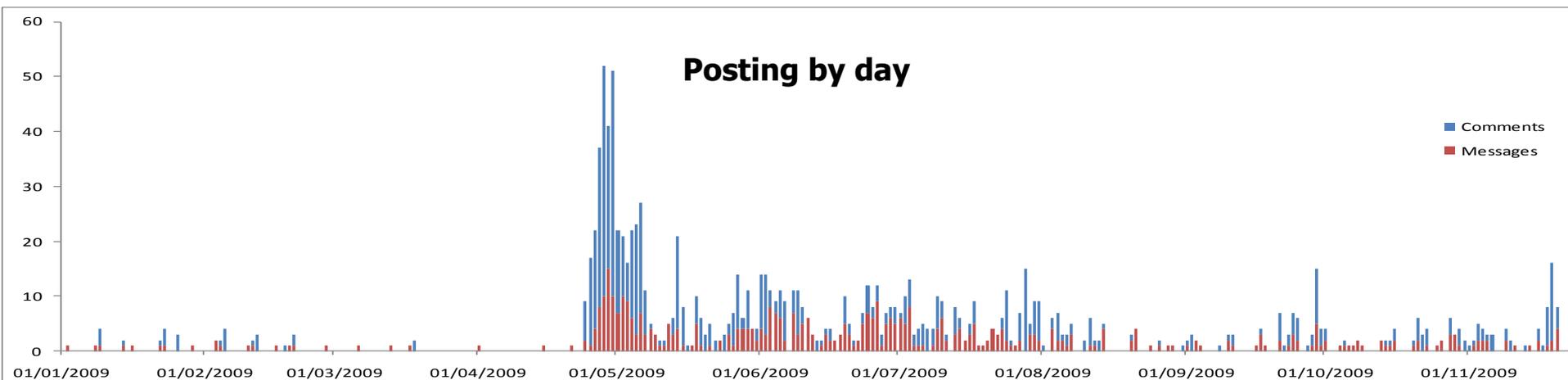
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2010-03-15-6	HAV_Multistates_Semi dried tomatoes (update of UI from France 01/02/2010 and Australia 30/09/2009)	hepatitis A	hepatitis A virus	2		ECDC	Yes	
2010-04-06-7	UI on behalf of Finland - Listeria monocytogenes serotype 1/2	listeriosis	Listeria monocytogenes	21	28/04/2010 10:33	Finland	Yes	
2010-04-23-23	Outbreak in Ireland of fully sensitive Salmonella Typhimurium DT8 associated with duck eggs	salmonellosis	Salmonella typhimurium	17	12/08/2010 14:55	Ireland	Yes	
2010-04-26-26	A Swedish outbreak of Salmonella Senftenberg among old people	salmonellosis		20	30/04/2010 20:59	Sweden	Yes	
2010-05-03-54	Any information on MLVA-type 03-16-09-NA-311	salmonellosis	Salmonella typhimurium	7	27/05/2010 10:38	Netherlands	Yes	
2010-05-05-60	Super-regional increase in S. Montevideo infections in women/girls	salmonellosis	Salmonella enterica	15	10/05/2010 14:10	Germany	Yes	
2010-05-09-78	Salmonella Mbandaka outbreak due to egg caused by soja feed	salmonellosis		21	18/05/2010 11:23	Austria	Yes	
2010-05-10-92	Salmonella Enteritidis PT14: Increase number of cases in the UK	salmonellosis	Salmonella enteritidis	17	18/05/2010 11:00	ECDC	Yes	
2010-05-15-115	S.Kottbus	salmonellosis	Salmonella enterica	20	17/06/2010 12:05	Bulgaria	Yes	
2010-05-28-145	Increase in specific monophasic variant Salmonella 4,12,:- in France	salmonellosis	Salmonella enterica	14	16/06/2010 12:18	France	Yes	
2010-06-02-157	Outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium MLVA type 03-14-10-00-311	salmonellosis	Salmonella typhimurium	6	28/06/2010 10:56	Netherlands	Yes	
2010-06-15-168	S. Tm. ASSuT, salami link	salmonellosis	Salmonella typhimurium	8	16/07/2010 12:01	Denmark	Yes	
2010-07-08-180	Increase in S. Panama infections, Germany	salmonellosis		11	19/07/2010 12:10	Germany	Yes	
2010-08-20-199	Outbreak of Salmonella Java PT 3B Var9 in the UK	salmonellosis		8	24/08/2010 14:15	United Kingdom	Yes	



Number of Hits, per country
from 1st March to 7th July 2010

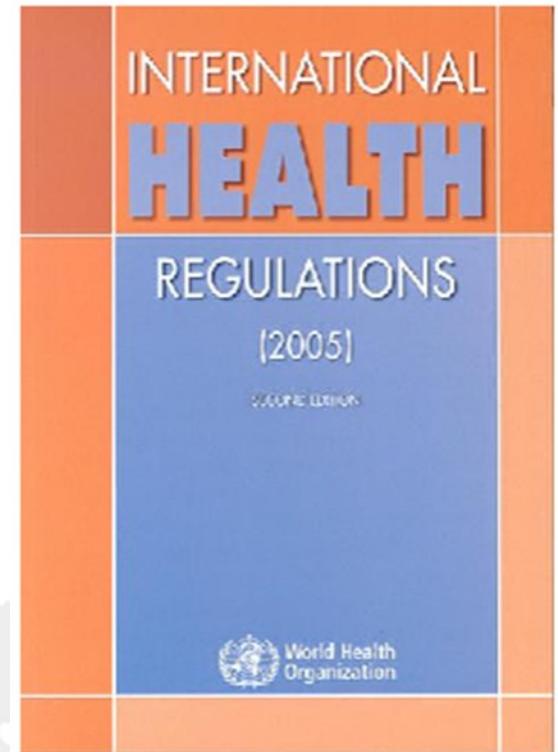
- 14 Urgent Inquiries posted
- 222 messages posted
- 37 countries

Postings and accesses by day January – November 2009



The purpose of the International Health Regulations (2005)

“ to prevent, protect against, control and provide a **public health response to the international spread of disease** in ways that are commensurate with and restricted to public health risks, and which **avoid unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade**”
(Article 2)



International Health Regulations ...

Milestones



International Health Regulations (2005)

- Revised to improve global public health security
- Intends to do so through strengthening local capacity to detect, assess, respond, report and control a potential outbreak -/-> pandemic



All 194 member states signed on, but many still NOT compliant by 2012

IHR continued

- International agreement giving rise to international obligations
- Focuses on serious public health threats with potential to spread beyond a country's borders, to other parts of the world
- Such events are defined as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)
- Outlines assessment, management, and information sharing for PHEICs



Comparison of Criteria for Notification for IHR and EWRS



IHR (from Annex 2)

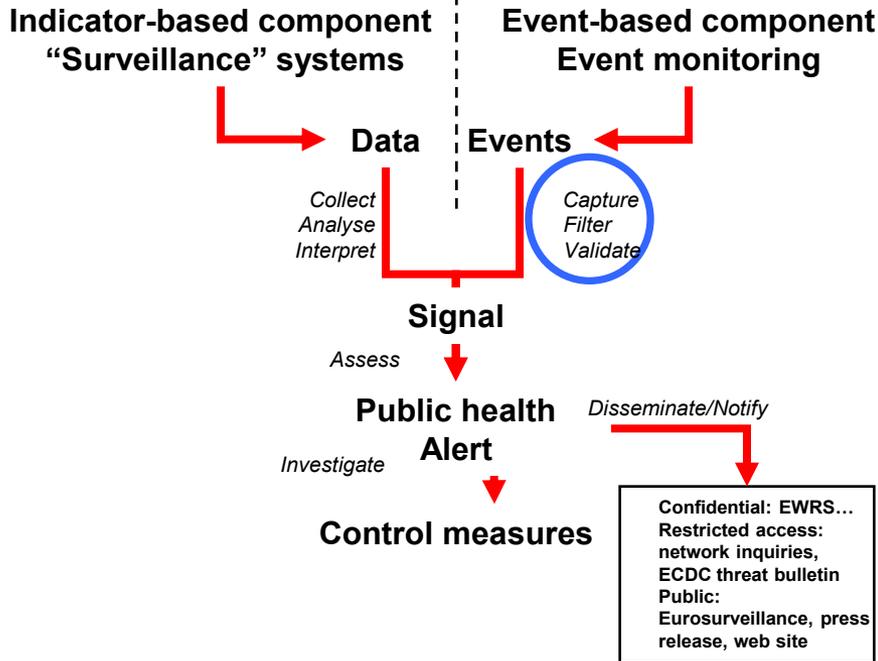
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- Is there a significant risk of international travel or trade restrictions?

EWRS (from Annex I of Decision 2000/57/EC)

- Is there any other reason for the event to have an intrinsic community-relevant impact?
- Is the disease unknown?
- Are there factors related to the host or environment that should alert us to the potential for international spread?
- Is the source known or suspected to be a food product or any other goods that have been imported from or exported to other countries?
- Is it caused by a disease/agent that has been eradicated?
- Is it suspected to be a deliberate release?

Event-based surveillance

Tracking of signals in TTT



Microsoft Access - [Tab Epidemics1]

Threat number: 9 Disease/Exposure: Meningitis, Meningococcal Contaminated air

Threat descriptive information | Threat follow-up information

Initial reporting source: German authorities Country initially affected: DE

Initial reporting date: 10/06/2005

ECDC reporting source: EWRS

ECDC reporting date: 10/06/2005

Alert nature: Potential exposure

Disease/Syndrome: Meningitis, Meningococcal

Pathogen: Neisseria meningitidis

First cases date: 05/06/2005

Exposure: Contaminated air

Exposure date: 05/06/2005

Notified to WHO on:

Notified to EWRS: z

Verified on: 10/06/2005

Date closed: 22/06/2005

Countries affected:

Nation	Date in	Date out
Spain	10/06/2005	
Germany	10/06/2005	
United States	10/06/2005	
Finland	10/06/2005	
Latvia	10/06/2005	
Poland	10/06/2005	

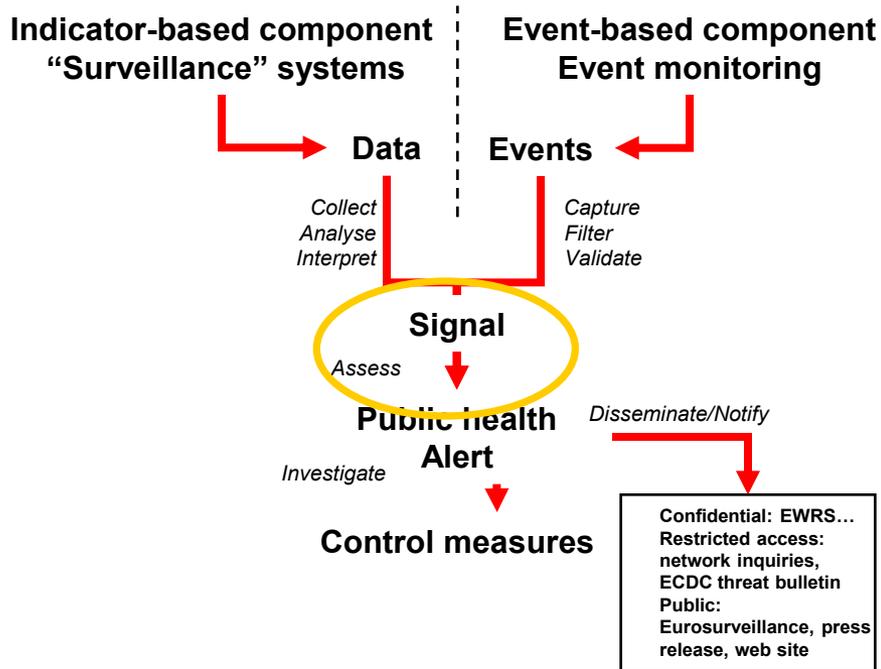
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 Reported by Andrea Ammon
 Contact person at US-CDC: Kristin Uhde, +1 404-639-1592, email: kgb2@cdc.gov
 Contact person at ECDC: Marco Baldary
 Contact person at EU-BIS: Manny Chandra, Mary Ramsay, Mary.Ramsay@HPA.org.uk

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ECDC daily roundtable

Signal assessment



LATEST ROUND-TABLE REPORT

Roundtable date :
09/11/2006

Round Table timings:

Mon to Thu : h. 11:30
Fri : h. 14:00
Location: Crisis Room (at PRU)

Participants:

- PRU :** Baldari, M. Depoortere, E.
SCM : Gergonne, B.
SAI :
FIS : Pettifer, C. Steffens, I.
- Other ECDC comp.:**
Guests :

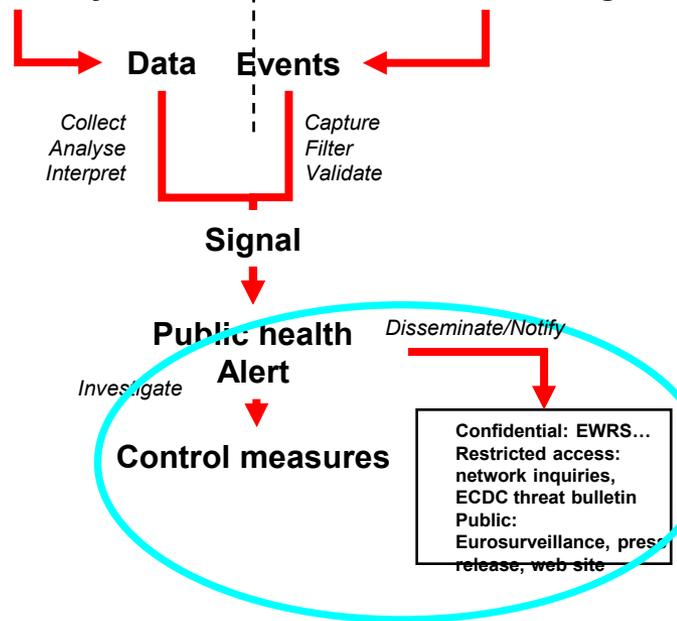
Analysed issues and conclusions (summary):

- H5N1 worldwide: another case in Indonesia. Data from China suggests that previous H5N1 in China (resistant to vaccines), are not true.
- Possible haemorrhagic fever in Angola, Uige. There were cases of Marburg HF in this
- EWRS message from Belgium about Streptococcus M 81 causing skin infections in ru
- contact requesting article. Follow up with Peet and Jan.
- Chikungunya - probable spread to Sri Lanka.
- Worldwide dengue situation - new update from ProMed.
- EWRS from Germany about gastroenteritis in Norwegian tourists.

Any comments about possible mistakes or relevant omissions are most welcome, and should be taken into account the general EI scheme at ECDC: see header).

EWRS: Alert notification & coordination of PH measures

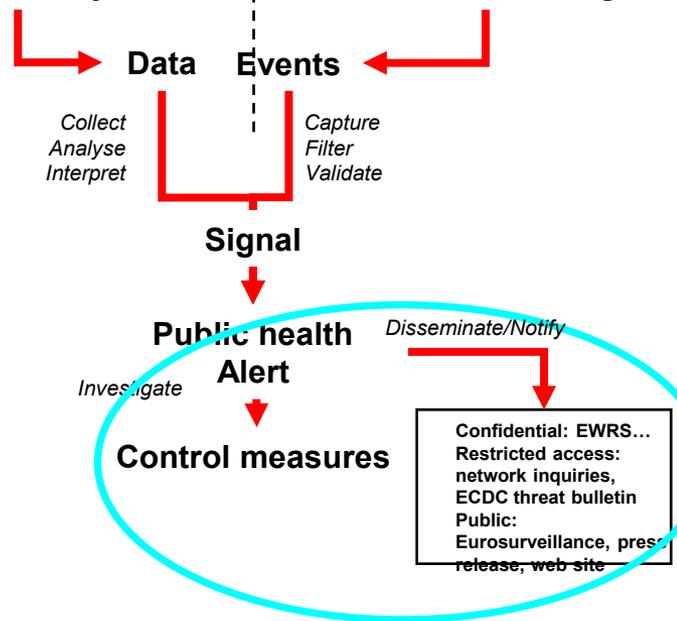
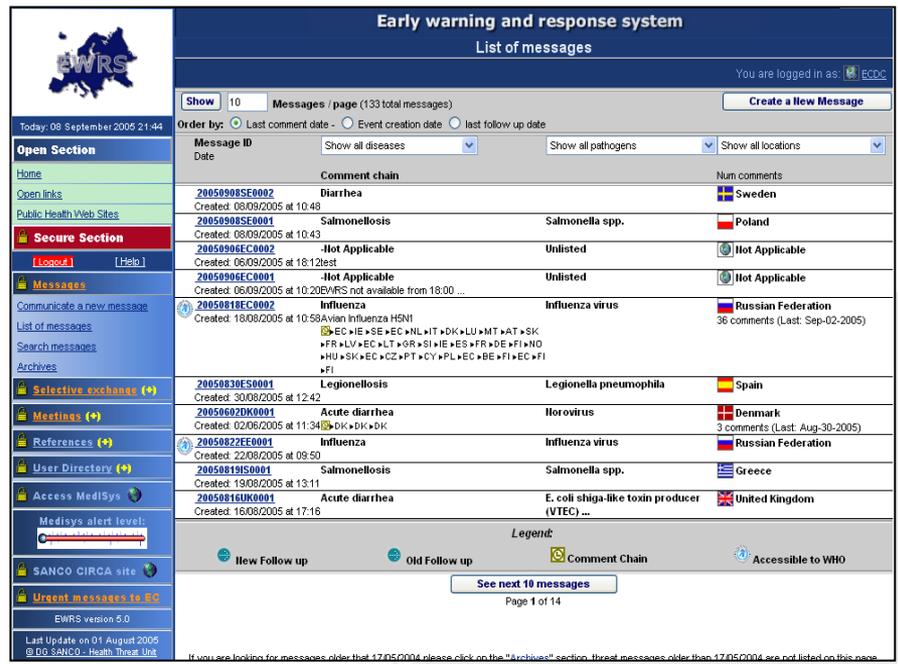
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