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Vet Authorities Confirm 6th Case of BSE

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Report Highlights:

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The infected cow was slaughtered on August 17 in Graz, Austria. Slaughterhouse officials suspected that the cow was infected after initial routine quick tests (prionics test) tested positive. The meat sample was then sent to the Austrian Veterinary Institute in Mödling that confirmed the initial suspicions.

Immediately after the initial testing, the Slovenian Veterinary Administration ordered all calves from the infected cow to be slaughtered, initiated a farm quarantine, and stopped all trade of live and slaughtered animals from the farm where the infected animal originated.

In 1996, Slovenia banned the use of bone meal in feed and implemented other measures such as mandatory testing of all slaughtered bovine animals.