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Anthrax Outbreak in Bosnia Kills One 2002

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Report Highlights:

An anthrax outbreak in Bosnia has killed one farmer. The government will take steps, including vaccination, to prevent further cases. A lack of modern diagnostic equipment may be hindering diagnosis. Contact information for veterinary officials in Bosnia is provided.

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RECENT OUTBREAK OF ANTHRAX IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (BiH)

One farmer in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) recently died from anthrax contracted from a dead cow. The case was reported early last week in the municipality of Gracanica (in the north-eastern part of the Federation of BiH). Another farmer is infected and has been hospitalized. Reportedly, the two farmers were trying skin a dead cow and were infected. The farmers were not sure what caused the death of animal and did not inform the veterinary authorities in a timely manner. The last outbreak of anthrax in this municipality was reported 37 years ago.

Few days later, another outbreak of anthrax was reported in the municipality of Sanski Most (in the north-western part of the Federation of BiH). So far, one animal is infected and no humans cases have been reported. This is the first time that anthrax has been reported in the Sanski Most area.

Under existing veterinary regulations, both areas will be carefully monitored and prevention measures (vaccination) will be implemented for up to the next 20 years. A lack of modern diagnostic equipment may be hindering diagnosis.

The last outbreak of anthrax in the Republika Srpska (RS) was 15 years ago. Vaccination against anthrax in some areas of the RS are still being done.

According to the Dayton Peace Agreement, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is divided into two Entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) and Republika Srpska (RS).

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