



# **The Jurisdictions and Actions Framework of Cyprus' Veterinary Services to ensure animal welfare, animal health and public health.**

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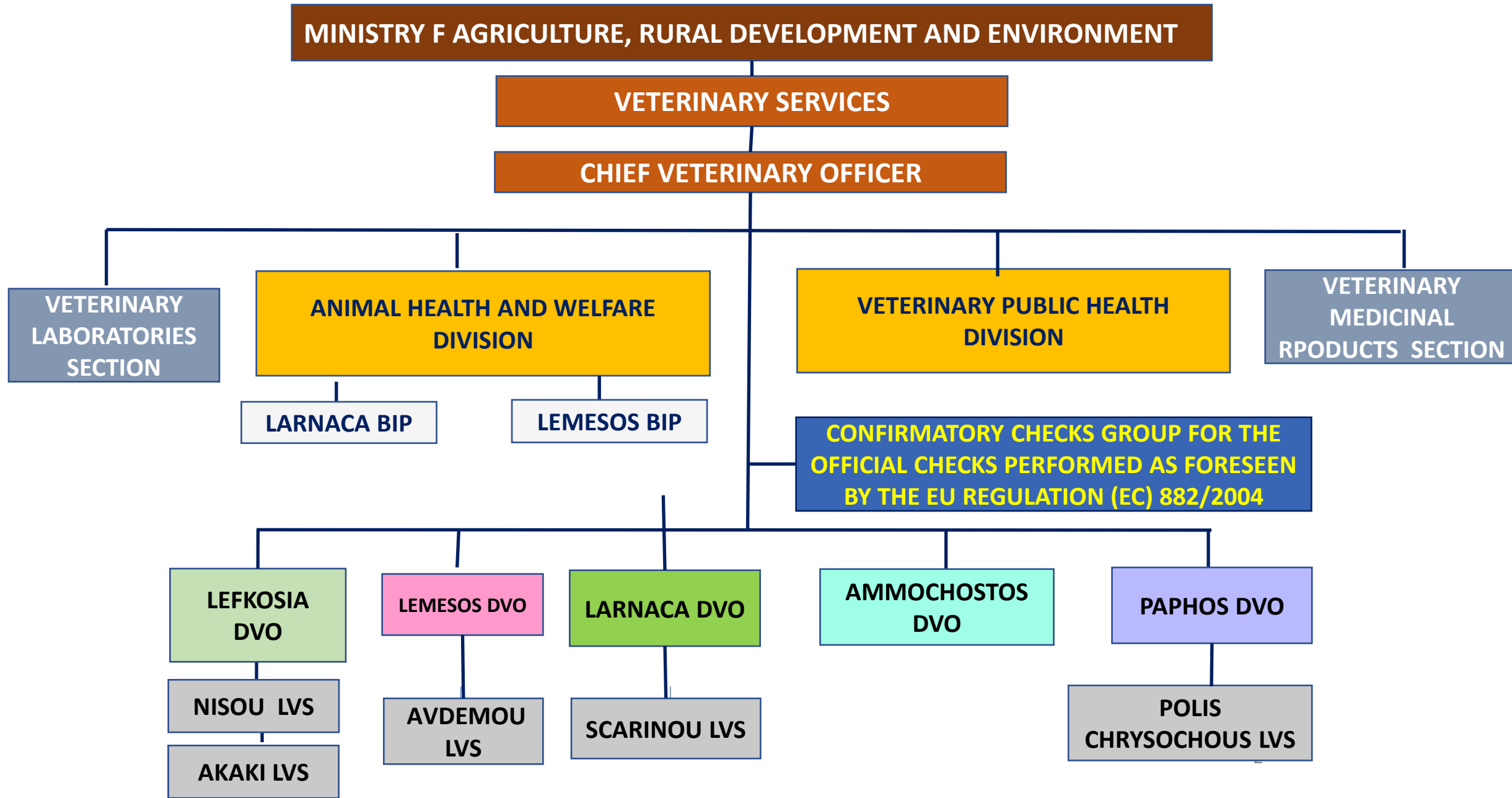
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# The Cyprus Veterinary Services Organogram

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# One Health Concept

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A comprehensive, integrated approach that aims at the sustainable balancing and optimization of the health of people, animals, and ecosystems.

The health of people, pets and wild animals, plants, and the broader environment are closely connected and interdependent.

Through the One Health concept the holistic spectrum of disease control - from prevention to detection, preparedness, response, and management – safeguards global health security.





- Animal living conditions influence the occurrence of animal health problems
- Animal Health Status through the prevention of animal diseases entry into Cyprus.
- The inspection, control, management, and eradication of animal diseases present in Cyprus.
- Maintenance of officially free status for animal diseases and zoonoses, as well as the acquisition of such status for diseases from which it has been freed.
- Uninterrupted animals and animal products trade at both the intra union as well as at Third Countries level.



# Officially disease-free country status for animal diseases

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- Food and Mouth Disease (WOAH)
- Enzootic bovine leukosis - Enzootic bovine leukosis (EE)
- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy - BSE (WOAH)
- Brucellosis - Brucella abortus, B. melitensis, and B. suis for cattle and sheep (EU)
- Swine vesicular disease - Swine vesicular disease (WOAH)
- Aujeszky's disease in pigs - Aujeszky's disease virus (WOAH)
- Rabies - Rabies (WOAH)
- African horse sickness - African horse sickness (WOAH)
- Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia in fish - Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (WOAH)
- Infectious haematopoietic necrosis in fish - Infectious haematopoietic necrosis (WOAH)



## Animal Population

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ANIMAL SPECIES	No FARMS	ANIMAL POPULATION	
SHEEP	694	128 545	
GOATS	783	72 662	
SHEEP AND GOAT	897	251 060	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>452 267</b>	
BOVINES	373	<b>81 314</b>	
POULTRY REARING	9	<b>113 870</b>	
POULTRY EGG PRODUCTION	41	<b>558 517</b>	
POULTRY BROILERS	81	<b>12 237 043</b>	
SWINE	56	<b>24 037</b>	(REPRODUCTION
		<b>232 104</b>	(FATTENING)



- Approval and registration of establishments producing food of animal origin
- Control of the production, transport, storage, and marketing of food of animal origin (except ice cream, which is not made from fresh milk, and honey)
- Control of the management of animal by products
- National contact point for the monitoring program of veterinary drug residues
- National contact point for the Multiannual Control Plan  
RASFF contact point



- Through the Veterinary Medicines Council manages the registration, approval, authorisation of the veterinary medicines' supply, distribution, administration and use of veterinary drugs acontrol and inspection, regulatory
- Comprised of the following Units:
  - (1) Pharmaceutical Regulation Unit,
  - (2) Veterinary Feed Drugs Unit,
  - (3) Manufacturers and Importers Inspections Unit for veterinary medicines and Wholesalers,
  - (4) Retailers Inspections Unit (veterinary clinics and pharmacies),
  - (5) Pharmacovigilance Unit.





- **ANIMAL HEALTH**

- The Animal Health Laboratory (LAH) comprised by the:



Virology

Bacteriology,

Serology

Pathology,

Microbiology and Parasitology

Histopathology of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

- It has been accredited since March 2008 according to ISO 17025:2005 by the Hellenic Accreditation Body (ESYD) and since January 2016 by the Cyprus Accreditation Body (CYS-CYSAB).

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Laboratory for the Control of Food of Animal Origin (LFAO)**

**It carries out laboratory tests of animal products destined for human consumption.**

**It has been accredited since 2004 according to ISO 17025:2005 by ESYD and since January 2016 by the Cyprus Accreditation Body (CYS-CYSAB).**

**National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for: Salmonella, Listeria, Campylobacter, E. coli (VTEC), Staphylococcus, Marine Biotoxins, and Trichinella spiralis.**

**It also carries out Routine Control Laboratory for analyses of veterinary drug residues in meat and milk.**

- According to Regulation (EC) No 866/2004, the movement of live animals and animal products (with the exception of fresh fish and honey) through the Ceasefire Line is prohibited.
- The Animal Health status in the area of Cyprus which is not under the effective control of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus (occupied areas) does not comply with the one of the area of Cyprus which is under the effective control of the Cypriot Government.
- There are diseases in both the occupied and free areas (e.g., bluetongue). Brucellosis exists in the occupied areas, while the Republic of Cyprus is free from it.

In general, the way diseases are managed in the occupied areas does not comply with the provisions of the Community acquis.

It should be noted that the Commission funds programs for the control of animal diseases in the occupied areas.



# Thank you!

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