General Organisation for Veterinary Services Veterinary Quarantine

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GOVS measures for Importation of Live animal and animal products

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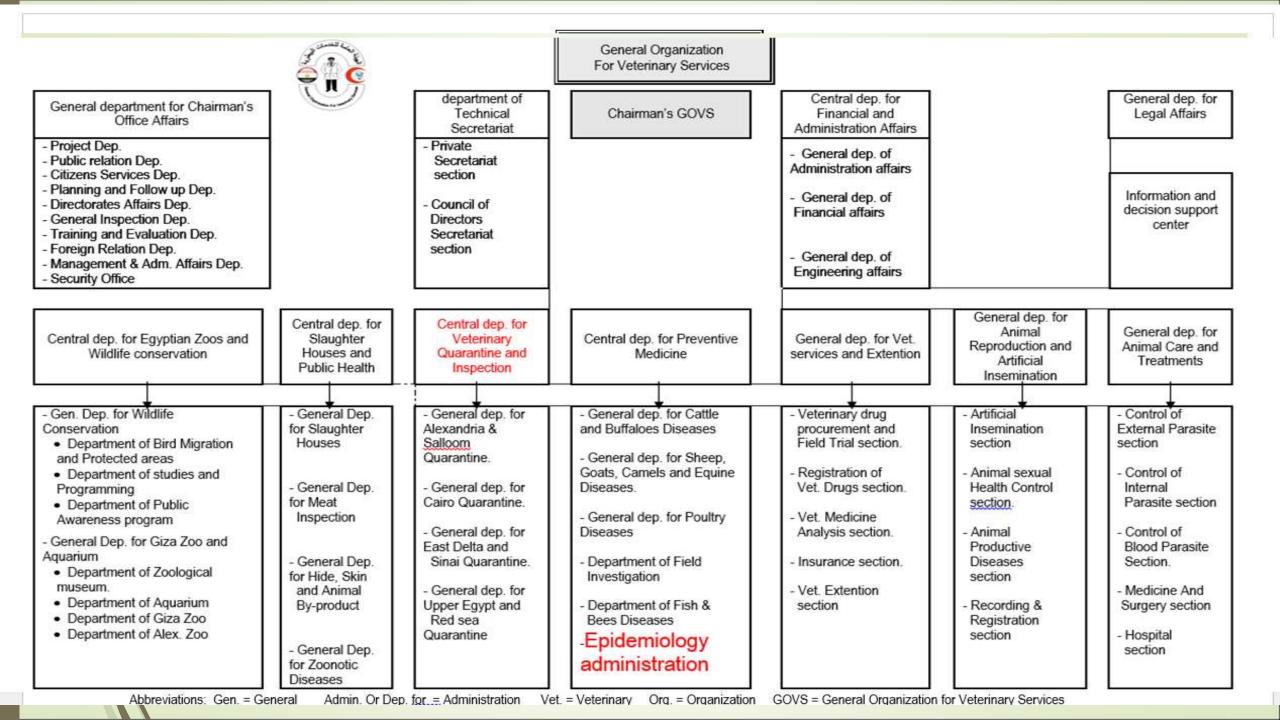
➢GOVS was established after the issuing of the presidential decree 187/1984; which gave GOVS the sole responsibility for protecting animal health from all infectious and epidemic diseases.

GOVS Responsibilities

- Setting the national veterinary service plan.
- Setting the general plan for protecting animal health from epidemic and infectious diseases.
- Enforce the quarantine measures to protect the animal resources from the exotic epidemics.
- Setting the national plans for treatment and prevention of zoonotic diseases which transmitted from animals and animal products to human.

GOVS Responsibilities

- Setting the national regulations which permit the technical supervision on the flaying establishments and tanneries.
- **Technical supervision on the abattoirs and slaughter houses.**
- Coordination with other countries and international organizations.
- Setting a system for animal registration.
- Setting the national plans and its executive machinery for reproductive care and artificial insemination



Organogram and data flowchart for Veterinary Quarantine

Central Administration for Veterinary Quarantine and Inspection includes four general administrations, each general administration includes several quarantine stations at the main ports (land, sea or air) for the inspection of the imported livestock or animal products

Chairman of general Organization for Veterinary Services

Central Administration for Veterinary Quarantine and inspection

General Department for Veterinary Quarantine in Upper Egypt and Red Sea. General Department for Veterinary Quarantine in Cairo and Baseline.

General Department for Veterinary Quarantine in west Delta and Sinai..

General Department for Veterinary Quarantine in Alex. And Salome.

The Central Administration of Veterinary Quarantine and inspection includes the following sub-departments:

- General Administration of Veterinary Quarantine and Investigations in Upper Egypt and the Red Sea.
- General Administration of Veterinary Quarantine and Investigations in Alexandria and Salloum.
 - General Administration of Veterinary Quarantine in Cairo and orchards.
- General Administration of Veterinary Quarantine in East Delta and Sinai
- The Central Administration of Veterinary Quarantine and Investigations and its general departments apply the necessary quarantine measures to protect the country from imported diseases in each of the following:
 - Country of Origin.
 - Inside the Arab Republic of Egypt

Responsibilities

Quarantine considered as the first line for defense against entrance of any harmful agents and also for protecting human health..

Central Admin of Veterinary Quarantine and Inspection responsible for studying the epidemiological situation of the countries before exporting live stocks or animal products to Egypt, and set the quarantine measures for importation.

The general department for veterinary quarantine and the quarantine stations are responsible for implementing the quarantine measures for importation in the ports.

Implementation SPS Agreement .

Inspection, issue and finalizing the imported & exported consignments through the Veterinary Quarantine stations all over Egyptian ports.

Veterinary Quarantines is the only competent authority which responsible for issuing of the Veterinary health certificate for live animals and products of animal origin.

Imports

- First: Live animals: (breeding cattle, beef for immediate slaughter, Pregnant Heifers, sheep and goats, camels - wild animals, ornamental birds, Equines, day-old chicks [ducks - turkeys - grandparents and breeders] - ornamental fish - cats - dogs).
- Second: Products of animal origin: Frozen, chilled, boneless or bone-in meat [beef, buffalo, lamb and swine] - liver, kidneys and hearts - frozen whole poultry without guts - frozen and canned fish - dairy and its products animal fats - raw hides - wool and Hair, lint and shaving brushes - animal feed - gelatin and lanolin - intestines - veterinary supplies - semen

Measures in the country of origin/ country of export

• Ensuring that the country/ Region of origin is free from infectious/ contagious notifiable animal diseases, according to OIE.

• Some laboratory and biological tests may be required to ensure that animals and imported consignments are free from some diseases.

Measures in Egypt

- **Examination** of health certificates which accompany the consignment.
- Examine the consignment to ensure its safety and conformity with the accompanying documents before entry.
- Examination of live animals to ensure that they do not have symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases.
- Samples are collected for lab test.
- Animals are quarantined in veterinary quarantines for a sufficient period, with continuous health follow-up.
- For immediate slaughter animals, there should be slaughterhouses attached to quarries or the nearest border slaughterhouse that falls under the supervision of the GOVS.

CAIRO –March 2021: managing to successfully release the mega ship Ever Given that had blocked the Suez Canal.



On March 2021

-Egypt faced an emergency case in Suez Canal.

Ever Given mega ship had blocked the canal this lead to stopping of ships movement across canal on both ways - many ships loaded with animals and need support.

- G.O.V.S (veterinary competent authority) had sent a team to follow up the situation on every ship ,giving supports needed(feed ,water, veterinary care ,...).

The team had supported 5 ships carrying (60400) sheep and (421)cattle.

- unimar life stock ship
- carry 9850 sheep with good health condition .
- no death's during 3 days stop in canal.
- Omega star ship
- carry 20000 sheep with good health condition
- 50 deaths during 4 days of stop in canal, was cut and put in sealed sacks with preservative substance until ship leaves territorial waters.
- Ships Needs 26 ton of feed .

JERSEY SHIP

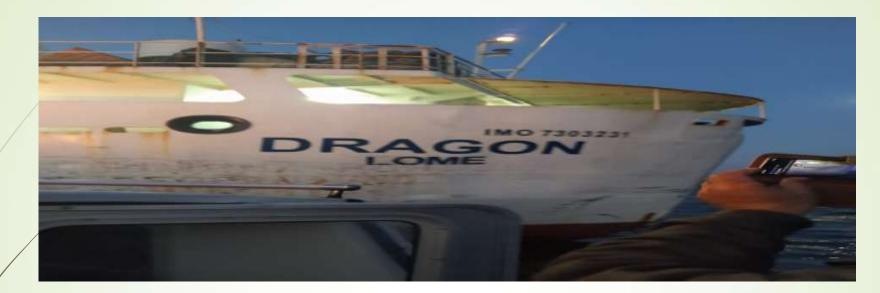
-carry 15250 sheep and 200 cattle with good health condition.

-no death's during 4 days stop in canal.

- Ship Needs 26 ton of feed .







DRAGON SHIP

- carry 8300 sheep and with good health condition.
- 3death's during 3 days stop in canal was cut and put in sealed sacks with preservative substance until ship leaves territorial waters.
- Ship Needs 10 ton of feed

SEA STAR SHIP

-carry 7000 sheep and 221 cattle with good health condition .

- 8 death's during 3 days stop in canal, was cut and put in sealed sacks with preservative substance until ship leaves territorial waters .

- Ships Needs 10 ton of feed .

