

## Updated Situation Assessment No.7

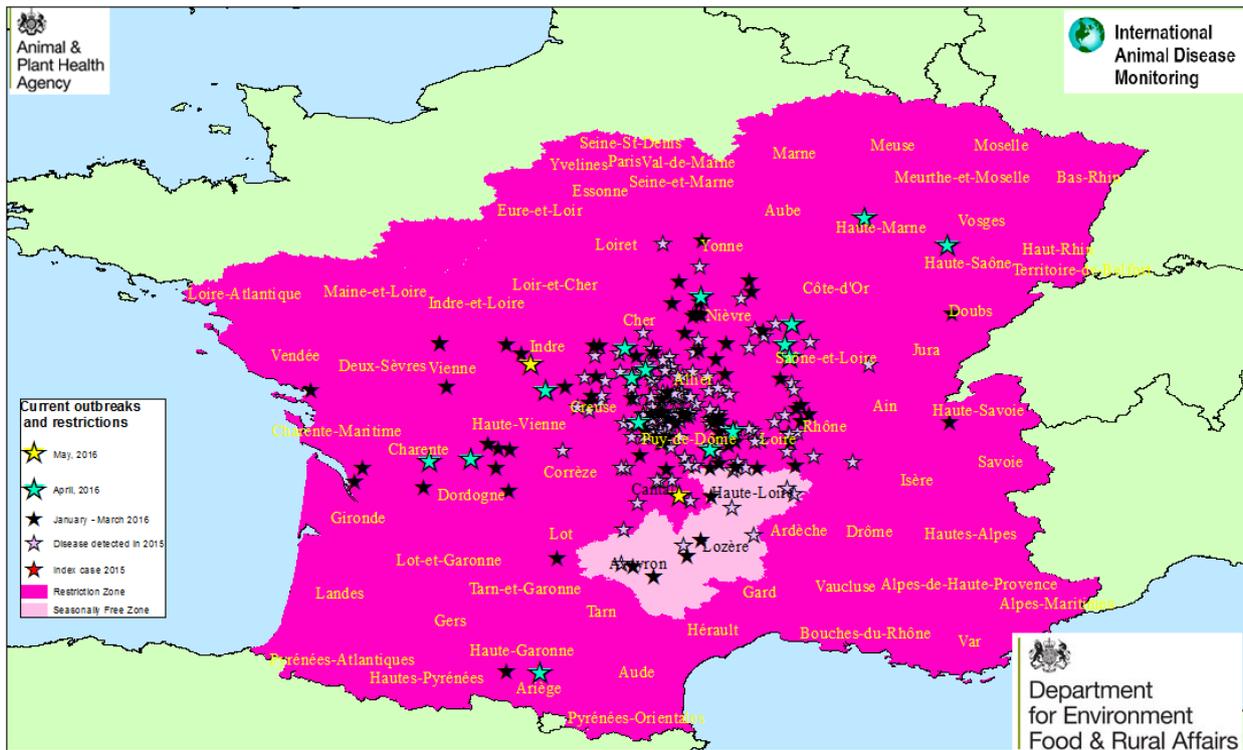
# Bluetongue virus (BTV-8) in France

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Ref: VITT/1200 BTV-8 in France

### Disease Report

France has now reported a total of 272 outbreaks of BTV-8, which is 6 new outbreaks since our last update on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 (OIE, 2016; see map). The restriction zones have not changed in coverage, but more of the seasonally free zones have been revoked, with just three remaining (Ministère de L'Agriculture (FR) (2016)). Vector activity would be expected to increase now the temperatures are rising. All the recent outbreaks except one are in cattle holdings, detected by surveillance activities; however one new report, in Nièvre region (Central France) was from an abortion investigation in cattle (1 out of 374 animals was affected). No increase in spread towards the north coast of France has been reported.



Absolute Scale 1:5,400,000

BTV-8 in France, current Restriction Zones\* by date of map

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0 30 60 120 180 240 Km

\* restriction zones are available on the French Min of Ag website  
<http://agriculture.gouv.fr/liste-des-departements-et-des-communes-classes-en-zone-reglementee-fco>

## **Situation Assessment**

As part of our ongoing responsibility to provide information to vets and livestock keepers, The Pirbright Institute, Surrey University and APHA have produced two short videos on the transmission, clinical signs and risk of BTV-8. These are available on “You Tube” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tky-R9I0G-4> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwJ8zAxiLOE>

There is no further information on the status of the surveillance or progress with vaccination in France.

## **Conclusion**

Our risk level remains the same. We will continue to monitor the current situation in France and report any further updates from the French Authorities, particularly about the winter surveillance which is still to be analysed. In addition, as the season progresses we will start to use meteorological information to inform our risk assessment.

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