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DECLARATION AS A COUNTRY FREE OF BLUETONGUE

COMMUNICATION BY PERU

The following communication, dated 6 June 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

1. In 2000, the National Agrarian Health Service (SENASA) carried out a characterization study of bluetongue in susceptible species throughout Peru, in order to determine the prevalence and distribution of the disease. Serological results were consequently obtained in 24.30% of the total number of animals monitored, but no animal displaying symptoms consistent with the disease was found. A sentinel programme was implemented over a period of eight months, during which a total of 60 sheep distributed in serologically positive areas were placed under constant surveillance. No clinical cases of the disease were found during the programme.

2. Since 2000, the SENASA national animal health surveillance system has detected no clinical cases of the disease as defined by Article 8.3.17 of Chapter 8.3 on bluetongue in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

3. We hereby notify the status of Peru as a country free from bluetongue in accordance with Article 8.3.3 of Chapter 8.3 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

4. The study is available in Spanish and can be requested from: mquevedom@senasa.gob.pe.

5. Peru states that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the country's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
