

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Re: Request for urgent scientific and technical assistance on the possible risks for public and animal health of the contamination of the feed and food chain due to possible ash-fall following the eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland

Dear Mrs Testori Coggi,

We acknowledge receipt on the 20th of April of your urgent request for scientific and technical assistance on the possible risks for public and animal health of the contamination of the feed and food chain due to possible ash-fall following the eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland.

Considering the urgent nature of the request, our initial advice will focus on short-term risks from direct exposure of animals and plants to ash in the EU. We will deliver this assistance by the 23rd of April at the latest.

Subsequent advice on the long-term and indirect risks of ash for public and animal health will be delivered within one month.

We are liaising with national, EU, and international organisations, including the Icelandic authorities, to address your request.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle