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POSITION TITLE:	Animal Health Officer (Contingency Planning and FMD Risk Management)	GRADE LEVEL:	P-3
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:	Animal Health Service, AGAH Animal Production and Health Division, AGA Agriculture & Consumer Protection Department, AG	DUTY STATION:	Rome, Italy
		DURATION *:	Fixed term: 2 years*
		POST CODE/N°:	N
		CCOG CODE:	1H01

Applications from qualified women as well as from qualified nationals of non-and under-represented member countries are encouraged. Persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence. The incumbent may be re-assigned to different activities and/or duty stations depending on the evolving needs of the Organization.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the general guidance of the Executive Secretary, European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD), the incumbent will support the management and implementation of the Work Programme of the European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease (EuFMD). In particular, the incumbent will:

- act as Deputy to the Secretary, and assist the Secretariat with the work of the Standing Technical Committee and Special Committee on Research and Programme Development, and subsidiary technical bodies of the Commission;
- prepare technical papers and reports for the Executive or other Committees and donors to the programme;
- support the implementation of the work programme under Pillar 1 of the Strategic Plan, providing services to Member States that will assist their capacity for FMD emergency management, taking responsibility for management according to prior experience;
- advise EuFMD and/or FAO Members on policies and strategies to assess and mitigate the effects of FMD outbreaks, and participate in the FAO and inter-agency task forces on the subject, and formulate guidance and deliver training for member states on contingency planning for FMD, and on the evaluation of crisis management plans;
- support the implementation of the work programme under Pillars 2 and 3, taking responsibility for management of components according to experience of the incumbent and that of other members of the EuFMD technical team;
- assist in monitoring the FMD situation in the regions of concern and the progress of countries to implement the progressive control pathway (PCP), and formulate content of material relating to FMD risk and risk management for communication to Member States;
- provide technical backstopping to field projects as required, and plan and participate in missions relating to the work programme or on an emergency basis;
- provide technical guidance to EuFMD projects, providing technical support in areas of epidemiology, surveillance, laboratory diagnostics, or other relevant disciplines as designated by the Secretary;
- perform other related duties as required.

* Appointment/promotion to this position is for duration of assignment only

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should meet the following:

- University degree in veterinary medicine and an advanced university degree in veterinary epidemiology, or in animal health surveillance and control.
- Five years of relevant experience in animal disease surveillance and/or risk management programmes at national, regional or international level
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be assessed against the following:

- Relevance of experience in animal disease surveillance and/or risk management programmes at national, regional or international level.
- Extent of experience in the technical disciplines involved in development, testing and application of emergency management plans for FMD or other epizootic diseases, and in the development of application of surveillance of FMD or similar diseases, at national, regional or international level.
- Extent of experience in the development and management of technical projects
- Extent of overall understanding of the work of the EuFMD Commission.
- Demonstrated ability to analyze technical information and prepare clear and concise reports in English
- Demonstrated ability to organizing and coordinating intergovernmental meetings

Please note that all candidates should possess computer/word processing skills and should be capable of working with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

* **The length of appointment for internal FAO candidates will be established in accordance with applicable policies pertaining to the extension of appointments**

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