

TRANSCRIPTION

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Wellcome news for Morocco Vaccination of animals in this country against foot and mouth when epidemics break out is not yet authorised.

Nevertheless, Britain plays a part in checking plagues by this method elsewhere.

Currently one is raging in Morocco, with an obvious risk that it could spread to Europe.

But one million doses of vaccine are being sent to that country from the laboratories of the Wellcome Foundation, in Pirbright, Surrey, which is the only unit in the world permitted to , produce vaccines against any strain of this disease.

The operation is being financed by the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, which is also helping local authorities in Morocco, to control the outbreak.

Soon after it began, earlier in the year, Wellcome was able to grow the virus and then prepare and test the vaccine. The epidemic comes from an exotic strain of foot and mouth, against which cattle in Europe possess no immunity.

Britain has not had an outbreak of foot and mouth since the great epidemic of ten years ago.

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