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Text for point 15. Impact assessment

Considering that the revised requirements apply to all (kept) ruminants, instead of just animals used for breeding, the cost of moving a ruminant out of the action zone or an affected establishment in the vaccination zone will increase. In addition, the number of establishments encompassed by the enlarged zones is higher so that more operators will incur costs. A requirement for testing all types of kept ruminants before they are moved out of the action zone, entails a cost related to the services of a veterinarian and for analysis of the sample. These are costs that the individual operator must take. The same applies for animals moved from affected establishments in the vaccination zone.

We believe that the production of germinal products in the vaccination zone is minimal, and that the extra requirements for germinal products from affected establishments in the vaccination zone will not have any consequences.

Vaccination will be allowed in a slightly larger area than before. It will not be a requirement, and the Norwegian Food Safety Authority will not organize vaccination. In practice, this means that those in new areas that do not want to vaccinate their animals will not experience any consequences of the rule change. Those who want to vaccinate their animals will incur a cost associated with the vaccination. Those who choose to vaccinate must be aware that the vaccine does not provide adequate protection, animals can still become infected and sick. In addition, the efficacy and safety of the vaccine has not been tested on male animals in breeding, and the veterinarian must make a cost/benefit assessment before such animals are vaccinated.