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France expands incineration capacity for Meat and Bone Meal 2002

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Report Highlights:

Since France banned meat and bone meal (MBM) from animal feed in November 2000, the country has 474,000 MT of MBM in storage, due to a lack of incineration capacity. The country's total storage capacity is about 660,000 MT. Storage and processing costs have now reached \$ 230 million. France has a program to expand incineration capacity so that MBM stocks will be zero by late 2009.

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France has an inter-ministerial committee to get rid of MBM. The current costs of storage and processing MBM are about i 230 million spent to render (89 percent), store (6 percent), and transport (5 percent of this figure).

France has roughly 10,000 MT of MBM produced weekly, of which 8,000 MT are stored and 2,000 MT are incinerated.

1. As of January 2002, 474,000 MT of MBM have been stored. Presently, France has 659,000 MT storage capacity at 28 storage sites, of which 14 are full, 11 are partially full, and three are empty. Due to inadequate capacity, the western regions of France (where most French animals are slaughtered) have approached other EU member states for an additional storage capacity of 400,000 MT.

Moreover, France is currently working to expand its incineration capacity and to find other ways to eliminate MBM. There are 17 companies working on incineration projects which could accommodate 1.2 million MT of MBM per year. The GOF has already selected proposals which would burn as much as 600,000 MT of MBM per year. These new plants are not yet built; and once built (by 2003-2004 time period), new plants will add 600,000 MT capacity per year.