

7.1 Possible Swiss strategies

Possible future strategies for Switzerland...

Strategy Advantages Disadvantages "laissez faire"

- natural endemic infection – natural immunity
- self clearance is better in smaller herds (CH)
- stable epidemiological situation due to high population density (CH)

- economic loss as before
- Switzerland falls behind internationally (herd health)
- export restrictions
- see „laissez faire“
- limitation of economic loss

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- abuse

Eradication

- no more economic loss due to BVD
- competitive advantages for BVD free herds
- Considerable initial screening costs
- time-consuming and costly education of farmers and veterinarians
- residual risk: reservoirs, missed cases
- seronegative herds
- Vaccination
- prevention of pi animals
- limitation of economic loss

- disease will only be controlled, not eradicated
- no complete protection
- costly in the long run
- side effects
- no marker vaccines available
- inappropriate application has consequences