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VACCINATION AGAINST PLAGUE

1. This topic was discussed at a meeting between CDE and [REDACTED] (DMSD) and [REDACTED] (D Def Pol) on 2 January 1991.
2. The decision has been taken to recommend that the UK Services shall be vaccinated with the Cutter vaccine. It is recommended that it shall be given seven days after vaccination for anthrax in order to take advantage of the stimulation of antibody production by the pertussis vaccine given as an adjuvant to the anthrax vaccine. It was emphasised that both vaccinations should be given at the same injection site.
3. In the light of this decision animal studies at CDE to establish the efficacy of the Cutter vaccine would be redundant and they will not be undertaken. DMSD will be responsible for arranging the clearance of the Cutter vaccine with the NIBSC.
4. As a contingency measure it has been agreed that CDE will produce a live vaccine for plague based on the attenuated strain EV76. Sufficient material will be produced to provide 40,000 vaccinations plus adequate amounts for testing purposes. CDE will undertake a preliminary assessment of the safety of the material. Further work to establish the efficacy of the vaccine and its safety, done by a contractor, will not be undertaken until the future requirement has been reviewed. It is expected that the CDE phase of this work will be completed in 8-10 weeks.

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