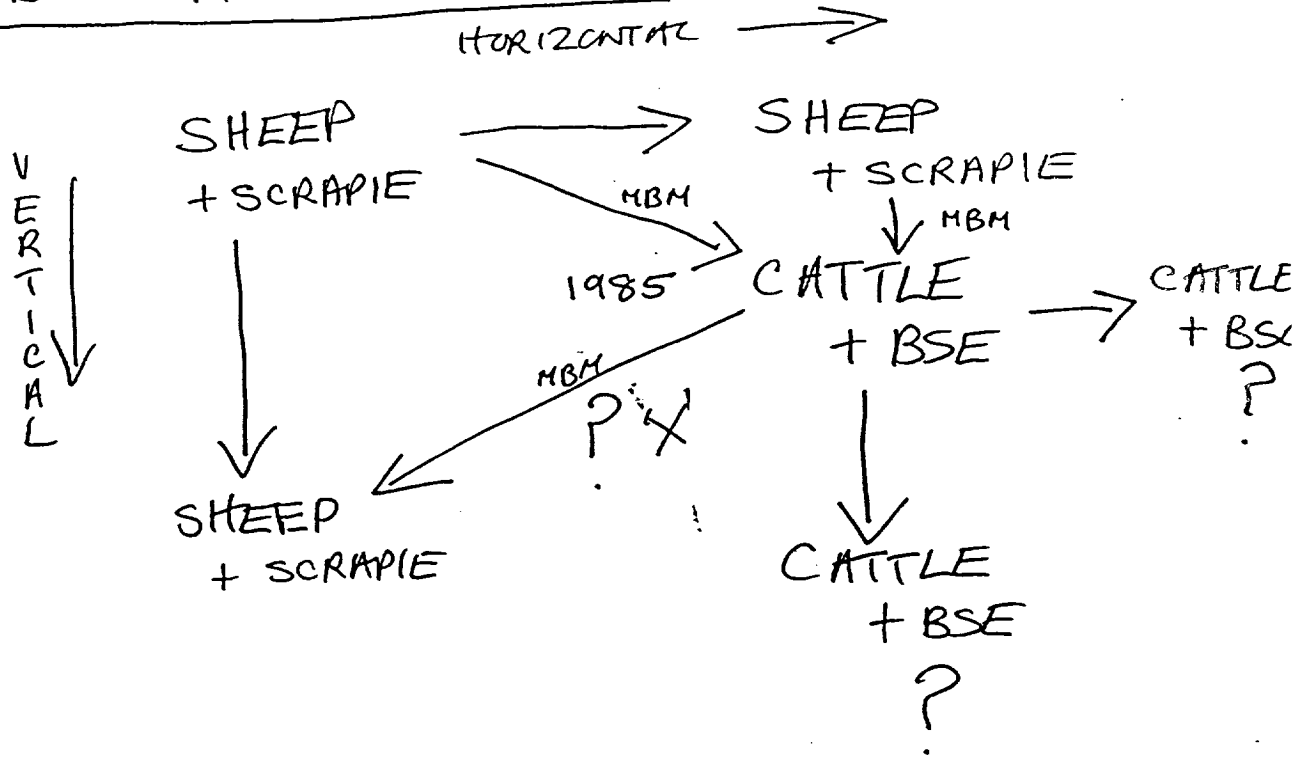


IN CONFIDENCE

BSE AND SCRAPIE



ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL VERTICAL/HORIZONTAL SPREAD OF SCRAPIE/BSE.

The potential for scrapie cases to be now arising as a result of infection from cattle with BSE should not be ignored. If this is happening there is more force applied to the argument for control of sheep scrapie. At present we are controlling BSE agent of presume - but only in cattle. If it is in sheep (and indistinguishable from scrapie) should we not at least consider what to do?

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