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VETS ORGANISATION REASSURES CONSUMERS.

Veterinary Ireland, the organisation for the veterinary profession, has added its voice to the reassurances being provided to consumers of Irish beef following the finding of BSE in a three-year old bull.

“This animal was one of a herd which was being de-populated because of the finding of BSE in an older animal and this finding of BSE in the younger animal confirmed that the scientific control systems put in place by the Department of Agriculture are working”, according to Fintan Graham, President of Veterinary Ireland.

“There are a range of checks in place to ensure that no BSE infected material can enter the food chain and these have been demonstrated to be effective,” he said.

This latest event is an isolated case in an overall satisfactory trend in terms of the ages of animals found to have BSE. “We understand it will take some further time for the epidemiological testing process to be completed in respect of this younger animal and in line with best practice the outcome of these tests should be awaited before any rash judgements are made on it” Mr. Graham concluded.

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