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### **New CVO and Director General of the State Veterinary Administration**

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**Report Highlights:**

Zbynek Semerad, former Director of the Department of Animal Health and Animal Welfare Protection at the State Veterinary Administration became its Director General and the CVO.

**General Information:**

On February 8, 2016, Marian Jurecka, Czech Minister of Agriculture named Zbynek Semerad a new CVO and Director General of the State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic. Zbynek Semerad is replacing Milan Malena after 12 years in the function, being selected in an open competition.

Semerad graduated from the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Brno. He has worked at the State veterinary Administration in Prague Since 1999, coming to be Director of the Department of Animal Health and Animal Welfare Protection in 2008. At the beginning of his professional career, Zbynek Semerad worked in several agricultural businesses and in 1995 became a private veterinarian.

Priorities of the new CVO include increasing of efficiency of veterinary control, where professional attitude will be a needful service to farmers, processors and traders. He would also like to continue integration with European Union structures and to keep the development in the area of animal health in the Czech Republic favorable to consumers.

