



ANDORRA (AND)

Population: 65 877 (1998)
Area: 468 km²



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1. General information

Foodborne infections and intoxications are listed as mandatory communicable diseases in General Council Law on Communicable Infectious and Transmissible Diseases established in Andorra in 1983. The list of communicable diseases includes, brucellosis, cholera, bacillar and amoebic dysentery, other enteritis and diarrheal processes, typhoid and paratyphoid fever, trichinosis, and foodborne infections and intoxications.

Medical doctors should declare all communicable diseases mainly for epidemiological surveillance purposes. Epidemiological surveillance is competence of the Epidemiological Surveillance Unit (ESU) at the Ministry of Health. The latter is developing an specific area of work to increase the number and the quality of the reports for a better knowledge of the epidemiological situation and to improve prevention.

Registration of foodborne diseases started in 1998. During this year the number of medical reports of communicable diseases from general practitioners and pediatric doctors increased in a 4% in relation to those reported in 1997. Considering the stabilization and systematization of the medical reports and the increase of human resources the ESU expects that 50% of the specialist doctors will be reporting in the near future. Notifications of foodborne diseases are based in clinical and laboratory diagnostic.

2. Statutory notification**Cases of selected notifiable diseases
ANDORRA 1998**

Disease	1998
	No. of Cases
Brucellosis	1
Cholera	0
Bacillar and Amoebic Dysentery	1
Other enteritis and diarrheal process	3 385
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever	2
Hepatitis A	12
Trichinellosis	0
	No. of outbreaks
Foodborne infections and intoxications (collective)	5

3. Additional Information

The Ministry of Health and Wellbeing of Andorra publishes a quarterly Epidemiological Bulletin which includes information on foodborne diseases. The electronic form of the Bulletin can be found at <http://www.salutibenestar.ad/publicacions.htm>