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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 01 JUNE 2016 - 02 JUNE 2016  
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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**A.01 Information on foot-and-mouth disease virus antigens stored in the Union antigen and vaccine bank.**

The Commission representative provided information on the EU FMD antigen bank.

**A.02 Updated information from Member States on vaccination against avian influenza of birds kept in zoos, approved bodies, institutes or centres during 2015.**

The Commission representative thanked Member States for the information on preventive vaccination against avian influenza according to Commission Decision 2007/598/EC that was already provided and asked for the few missing contributions in order to complete the overview Doc. SANTE/7019/2016R1. So far, it was reported that 5617 birds were vaccinated in 8 French zoos due to the threat posed by HPAI H5N8 virus detections in poultry and wild birds in late 2014 and early 2015.

**A.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a possible revision of CSF regionalisation measures.**

The Commission presented possible derogations concerning animal health control measures relating to classical swine fever in certain Member States in view of a possible future amendment of Commission Implementing Decision 2013/764/EU. The comments of the Committee were noted in view of elaborating a concrete proposal.

**A.04 Update from France and Italy on the situation as regards highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry.**

The French representative gave an update on HPAI in France. Since 18/04/2016 no further outbreaks (total 77) have been detected. Restrictions in relation to protection and surveillance zones established around these previous outbreaks are being lifted, while restrictions applicable in the surrounding further restricted zone remain in place

until the results of further surveillance give favourable results and as long as Commission protective measures are in place. Restocking of waterfowl chicks has started on 18/05/2016 following cleaning and disinfection and specifically enhanced sampling and testing procedures. Production is only permitted on an all in-all out basis and biosecurity must be strengthened.

The Italian representative updated on the epidemiological situation in relation to two HPAI outbreaks of H7N7 subtype confirmed on 2 and 16 May 2016 in one laying hen and one turkey fattening holding which are both located in the commune of Portomaggiore, Ferrara province, region of Emilia Romagna. The poultry on the infected farms was culled already based on preliminary diagnosis and zoning was established. Extensive tracing on and tracing back investigations were carried out.

**A.05 Information concerning two declarations from Slovenia of surveillance programmes for achieving disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS).**

The Commission informed about two declarations from Slovenia of surveillance programmes for achieving disease free status for IHN and VHS. The first declarations concerned a zone including three rivers and a hatchery used for the production of fingerlings and fry for repopulation of those rivers.

The second declaration concerned a modification of the surveillance programme for the compartment Temecia, originally presented to the Committee at the meeting 1 December 2015. The main modification represents an inclusion of a new farm in that program.

Both programmes are prepared in line with Model B of Decision 2001/183/EC, which means two year programmes with reduced sample size based on systematic surveillance of the health status of the compartments over the previous four years, and the declarations have been submitted in accordance with Article 50 of Directive 2006/88/EC.

Links to the declarations will be found on the SANCO WEB page under the following link: [http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations_en.htm)

**A.06 Information by Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia on the results of the implementation of the African swine fever programme in 2015.**

All Member States with an approved ASF programme for 2015 (Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania) presented their results. Compared to the previous year, the epidemiological situation remains stable.

**A.07 Report by Greece and Bulgaria on the LSD situation.**

The delegations of Greece, Bulgaria and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia presented an update of the epidemiological situation of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in their countries, including the occurrence of new outbreaks and the progress of the relevant vaccination campaigns. Information was also provided by the Commission

representative on the current stock of vaccines available in the EU LSD Vaccine Bank.

**A.08 Information by Latvia, Germany, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia and Croatia on the results of the implementation of the Classical swine fever programme in 2015.**

Member States with an approved CSF programme for 2015 (Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Germany) presented their results.

The epidemiological situation is improving in all Member States.

The Hungarian programme will be presented at next PAFF Committee.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in the Union.**

No item raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2004/558/EC as regards the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis free status of several regions of Germany.**

The draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2004/558/EC as regards the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis-free status of several regions of Germany was presented to the Member States by the Commission.

Germany presented some slides summarizing the history and the current situation concerning the IBR eradication in those regions related to that draft. No questions nor comments were raised by Member States.

Due to technical reasons the vote on that draft had to be postponed to an upcoming meeting later in June.

**Vote postponed**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 as regards the requirements for placing on the market of consignments of certain fish species intended for Member States or parts thereof with national measures for salmonid alphavirus.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation for amending Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008. The proposed amendments are a necessary update of the model health certificate for the placing on the market of aquaculture animals for farming, relaying, put and take fisheries, open ornamental facilities and restocking, due to recent approval of national measures for preventing the introduction of salmonid alphavirus (SAV) into Member States or territories thereof by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/169.

No comments were received from the Member States.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU)2015/1500 and Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2055 (EC).**

The Commission representative presented a revised version of the above decision that includes in total 6 additional prefectures of Greece in the LSD restricted/vaccination area at the request of the competent authorities of this country. The decision will be presented for an opinion at the meeting of the PAFF Committee scheduled for 14 June 2016 (Section: Biological Safety of the Food Chain).

**Vote postponed**

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down the conditions for setting out the programme for emergency vaccination of bovine animals against lumpy skin disease in Bulgaria and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/645.**

The Commission representative presented the above decision that includes the entire territory of Bulgaria in the LSD restricted/vaccination area at the request of the competent authorities of this country. The decision will be presented for an opinion at the meeting of the PAFF Committee scheduled for 14 June 2016 (Section: Biological Safety of the Food Chain).

**Vote postponed**

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision establishing the financial contribution from the Union for expenditure incurred by Cyprus in 2013 for the financing of the emergency measures to combat Newcastle disease.**

The purpose of this Decision is to establish the amount of the financial contribution from the Union to Cyprus towards the expenditure that was incurred for compensation and operational costs in taking emergency measures to combat Newcastle disease in 2013.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of a financing decision regarding the Union's financial contribution to emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Germany, France, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom in 2015.**

The purpose of this Decision is to allow Germany, France, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom to receive the contribution from the Union towards emergency measures to combat avian influenza in 2015.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision C(2015) 3848 on the adoption of a financing decision regarding the Union's contribution to emergency measures to combat avian influenza in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom in 2014.**

This decision aims to provide additional funding to the Netherlands to cover supplementary eligible measures implemented to combat avian influenza in 2014.

**Vote taken:** favourable opinion

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive.**

The Commission presented the most recent activity on draft of Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border.

Discussion with DG ENV on the most appropriate environmental standards for the combustion of manure has been finished. The combustion of manure of any species of farmed animals may take place under the same condition as apply for the combustion of poultry manure on-the-farm.

**M.01 Problems during intra-EU trade of honeybees.**

Denmark mentioned several examples of seemingly extra requirements some other Member States require during intra-EU trade of bees. They mentioned that such, especially if unjustified, hampers their efforts to ensure that all beekeepers send bees with TRACES notification and certificates. The Commission clarified that the examples belong to various areas (animal health, plant health and zootechnics), clarified the relevant legal basis (Dir 92/65/EEC, Dir 2009/29/EC and Accession

Treaty of Romania, respectively) for possible additional guarantees and added its own understanding of the situation. DK was advised to clarify these issues further, bilaterally, while Romania was invited to share with the Committee their understanding of the relevant zootechnics rules in the near future. The Commission emphasised however to Denmark and all other Member States that the beekeepers must comply with the animal health (e.g. TRACES) rules, regardless of other rules. While rules (either animal health and others) may occasionally restrict trade, they do it for a purpose. Difficulties in compliance are no reason for any illegal movements. The Commission invited all Member States to be vigilant over movement of bees in order to make sure no illegal movements take place, especially in connection with the ongoing bee producing season and the presence of small hive beetle in Calabria, Italy.

#### **M.02 List of National Reference Laboratories.**

The Member States were informed by the Commission that the list of national reference laboratories as laid down in paragraph 2(d) of Annex III to Commission Decision 2008/185/EC is not anymore up to date and therefore has to be amended.

The Member States were asked to notify the Commission by 21 June 2016 the name and the contact data of those national reference laboratories.