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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information to Member States.

The PAFF Committee meeting was held as a one-day video conference.

Member States were informed that points for vote ("B-points") would be discussed to the point of agreement and subsequently submitted for written consultation, taking into account the date when the text was shared with Member States prior to the meeting.

A.02 Information from Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in poultry.

The Commission informed about the situation in the Union regarding HPAI outbreaks since the last PAFF Committee meeting. Member States also received information about the latest results from EURL regarding the phylogenetic analysis of the HPAI viruses that circulated in EU in 2020, and in particular in March and April. Information about Commission's activities to support the affected Member States was also provided. Germany, Hungary and Poland presented the situation with regard to HPAI H5N8 outbreaks in poultry holdings in the past months and the control measures put in place to control and eradicate the disease.

A.03 Working document to provide guidance for a smooth transition from the existing animal health legal framework to the one laid down in the Animal Health Law in the field of health status.

The Commission highlighted that declarations and submissions for the approval or recognition of new eradication programmes or new disease free status must be received by the Commission by **1 December 2020** if Member States wish to have them listed in the implementing act that will be in force on 21 April 2021. Also, the Commission highlighted that for infection with rabies and for infection with Bluetongue virus, the only way to have the disease-free status granted on 21 April 2021 is following the historical and surveillance data pathway. Member States will have until 28 May 2020 to comment on this document.

A.04 EFSA presentation of the scientific opinion on rabbit health and welfare in different farming systems.

EFSA presented a summary of the recently published scientific opinion prepared following a mandate of the European Parliament. The presentation by EFSA was well received by the Member States and requests for additional clarification was provided. The opinion is available under <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.2903/j.efsa.2020.5944>.

A.05 Declaration from France in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the dependent compartment "Upstream river Valmont" in the department of Seine Maritime (76).

Points A.05-A.14:

All of the above declarations comply with the format and data requirements of both Decision 2009/177/EC (all) and CID (EU) 2015/1554 (declarations of disease freedom), no discussion expected.

The declarations comply with the format and data requirements of the EU Decision 2009/177/EC and is published on the relevant EU Commission website: https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live_animals/aquaculture/declarations_en with link to the appropriate website of the relevant competent authorities.

A.06 Declaration from France in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the zone "Upstream river l'Houay" in the department of Orne (61).

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.07 Declaration from France in relation to commencement of a surveillance programme concerning VHS and IHN in a zone comprising river Canche with its catchement area to the estuary in the department of Pas-de Calais (62).

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.08 Declaration from Slovenia in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the independent compartment "Šumec".

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.09 Declaration from Spain in relation to commencement of a surveillance programme concerning VHS and IHN in a zone comprising the fish farm "Piscifactoria Rio Mundo S.L".

A.10 Declaration from France in relation to commencement of a surveillance programme concerning VHS and IHN in a dependendt compartment comprising the fishfarm "Doyon pisciculture" in the departments of Cher (18), Loir et Cher (41) and Loiret (45).

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.11 Declaration from France in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the dependent compartment "Upstream river Orbiquet" comprising the fish farm "Pisciculture Friadel" in the departments of Calvados (14), Eure (27) and Orne (61).

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.12 Declaration from Poland in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the dependent compartment comprising the fish farm "Ośrodek Hodowli Ryb Tomasz Kruse".

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.13 Declaration from France in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in zone "upstream river Aa" in the department of Pas-de-Calais (62).

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

A.14 Declaration from France in relation to commencement of a surveillance programme concerning VHS and IHN in a zone comprising the upper part of the river Eaulne in the department of Seine-Maritime (76).

Report A.05-A.14: please see under A.05.

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 Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the approval of germinal product establishments and the traceability of germinal products of bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine animals.

The Commission presented a revised version of the document based on comments received from stakeholders and Member States and informed that this Implementing Regulation, together with Animal Health Law and Delegated Regulation on movements within the Union on germinal products, will become applicable as of 21 April 2021. During the meeting several Member States provided their comments and questions and the Commission replied to those questions.

A written consultation will be launched after adaptation of the document taking into account comments received.

Vote Postponed: Vote will be taken by written consultation.

M.01 Pigeon paramyxovirus type 1 (PPMV-1) in pigeons in Sweden.

Sweden gave an update on an outbreak of PPMV-1 in a holding with 79 Pakistan pigeons. The pigeons had not been vaccinated against ND. Following confirmation of the disease, the remaining 37 pigeons were killed. The possible origin of ND on the holding may have been related to 12 pigeons purchased in the internet. The origin of those pigeons could not be determined.

M.02 Request of Republic of Bulgaria for a derogation.

The Republic of Bulgaria requested a derogation in accordance with art. 19, paragraph 1, (c) and (d) of REGULATION (EC) No 1069/2009 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 21 October 2009 laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (Animal by-products Regulation). Bulgaria asked for the clarification of derogations on disposal of animal

by-products in remote areas and in the event of an outbreak of a notifiable disease laid down in Article 19(1)(c) and (e) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009, respectively. The Commission explained that in accordance with Article 19(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 the application of both derogations is up to assessment of the competent authority. However, in case of derogation on disposal of animal by-products in remote areas, the Member State should take into account special rules on burning and burial of animal by-products in remote areas set out in Section 2 of Chapter III of Annex VI to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.

M.03 EU co-financed veterinary programmes for 2021.

Concerning the submission of the EU co-financed veterinary programmes for 2021, the deadline of 31/05/2020 is postponed until the adoption of the 2021-2027 EU Multiannual Financial Framework and of the Single Market Programme (SMP) that will cover the veterinary programmes for the period 2021-2027. It is not possible to provide any date yet, as inter institutional negotiations are still ongoing. Once these regulations will be adopted, CVOs will be informed in due time. Meanwhile, enough time will be given to Member States between the adoption of the SMP Regulation and the deadline for submitting the 2021 programmes. This issue is followed-up very closely in order to ensure an effective and timely implementation of the veterinary programmes for the next financial framework (2021-2027).

M.04 Non-commercial movement of pet birds into the Union.

The Commission updated Member States on the development of the legal acts under Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 laying down permanent rules for the non-commercial movement of pet birds into the Union from a territory or third country. In particular, the Commission noted that Decision 2007/25/EC applies until 31/12/2020 and the intention is to replace it before the date it elapses by a delegated act laying down the rules and an implementing act laying down the model identification document for those movements. The Commission reminded Member States that the consultation on both acts took place in 2019. The Draft Implementing Decision has now been finalised and will be presented in the next Committee meeting for discussion.