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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by Member States.

Belgium provided information on circulations of low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) of subtype H3N1 in poultry farms (laying hens, broilers, breeders, meat turkeys) located in the north west of Belgium as from January. Currently in total 36 cases of non-H5/H7 have been confirmed, from those 6 as H3N1 confirmed. The virus does not seem to have particular characteristics of pathogenicity or zoonotic potential. However, the virus, probably due to its synergism with other infectious and non-infectious factors, in some cases gave a high mortality and quick drop in egg production. Also H3 positive farms without clinical symptoms were also identified. Belgium is preparing to apply the national measures to control the virus circulation.

A.02 Information on African swine fever in Member States.

Hungary and Poland made presentations on the situation regarding African swine fever (ASF). Estonia presented its experience on ASF management in domestic pig farms.

A.03 Declaration from Slovenia concerning a modification of a surveillance programme regarding VHS and IHN in a zone.

This is to accommodate for changes in the target population due to business decisions of covered operators. No comments from Member States.

A.04 Declaration from Italy in relation to freedom from VHS and IHN in an independent compartment comprising the fish farm "Societa Agricola Aquigenus, loc. Le Ghiae di Groppoli".

No comments from Member States.

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 the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.

The Commission presented a draft Decision to review African swine fever (ASF) regionalisation measures due to ASF cases in Poland and Hungary.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex II to Decision 2003/467/EC in relation to the officially brucellosis-free status of Bulgaria.

Item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex VII to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Regulation (EU) 2017/140, as regards the denomination of the designated Union (EU) reference laboratory for diseases caused by capripox viruses (lumpy skin disease and sheep and goat pox).

Item was withdrawn from the Agenda. The Commission informed that, following advice from the Legal Service, an implementing act under the OCR changing the name of the EURL only without affecting the terms of the initial designation is not necessary. The Commission has to publish and update the list of EURLs on its website which has already been updated to this effect. Member States did not raise any questions.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving the plan for the eradication of African swine fever in feral pigs in certain areas of Belgium.

The aim of this act is to approve the Belgian plan for eradication of African swine fever (ASF) in feral pigs in line with Article 16 of Directive 2002/60/EC and with the Commission strategic approach for the management of ASF.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Declaration from France on two outbreaks of Aujeszky's disease.

France informed about the detection in April of Aujeszky's disease in two open air pig farms with epidemiological links, as part of the compulsory surveillance programme. The source of infection in the first farm seems to be contact with wild boars due to insufficient biosecurity measures. France ensured that all appropriate measures are taken to eradicate the outbreaks and avoid further spread of the disease.

M.02 Revision of the strategic approach to the management of African swine fever for the EU.

The draft revision of the 'Strategic approach to the management of African swine fever for the EU' (Document SANTE/7113/2015 – Rev. 11) was presented to the Member States for information and to receive comments and suggestions. The revision was welcomed by the Member States that will provide in writing their

comments. Member States requested the Commission to organise a working group meeting with participation of all the Member States.

M.03 Regulation (EC) No 206/2009 on personal imports of meat/meat products and milk/milk products.

Member States were given an update on the state of play regarding submission of reports for 2018. The deadline for submission is set for 1 May 2019.

To date 14 Member States' reports have been received plus the report from Norway.