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<b>AGENDA</b>
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**Section A Information and/or discussion**

**A.01** General information by Member States.

**A.02** Derogation for movements of kept equine animals to other Member States in accordance with Article 69 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688. Information from France and Ireland on the conditions established for such movements. (EC)

Article 69 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688 (derogation based on Article 144 of the Animal Health Law) allows for derogations whereby the Member State of destination accepts registered equine animals in compliance with animal health requirements but without being accompanied by an animal health certificate. To make these derogations operational, the Member State of destination must inform the Commission and the other Member States about the conditions under such movements are authorised.

**A.03** Information on derogation in accordance with Article 139 of the Animal Health Law concerning movements of equine animals between Member States near borders and for recreational use, exhibitions, sporting, cultural and similar events, grazing or work. (EC)

Article 139 of the Animal Health Law allows for derogations agreed on between the Member States of origin and destination for movements of kept terrestrial animals, including equine animals, between Member States where such movements are near borders and for recreational use, exhibitions, sporting, cultural and similar events, grazing or work. To make these derogations operational, the Member States of origin and destination must inform the Commission and the other Member States about granting of such derogations.

**A.04** Information from Member States on African swine fever. (SF)

Certain Member States will provide an update on the African swine fever epidemiological situation in their territories. In addition, certain Member States will provide information on the African swine fever preparedness activities in their respective countries.

**A.05** Update on the revision of EU guidelines on African swine fever. (ZI)

**A.06** Information from Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza. (IDC)

Updates by Member States affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in poultry or captive birds on the epidemiological situation and the measures taken to control and eradicate the disease.

**A.07** Information on adopted scientific opinions on animal welfare on farm. (KS)

In February and March 2023, EFSA adopted three scientific opinions, addressing the welfare of (1) laying hens, (2) broilers, and (3) calves on the farm. These opinions will be presented for information.

**A.08** Information from Spain on sheep pox and goat pox. (DD)

**A.09** Information from Bulgaria and Greece on their 2023 vaccination plans against Lumpy Skin Disease, in accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/361. (DD)

**Section B**      **Draft(s) presented for an opinion**

**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.

(Emergency disease)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

**B.02** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594 of 16 March 2023 laying down special disease control measures for African swine fever. (SF)

(SANTE/744B/2023)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EU) 2016/429 - Article 71(3)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

**B.03** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending certain Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 as regards the approval or withdrawal of the disease-free status of certain Member States or zones or compartments thereof as regards certain listed diseases and the approval of eradication programmes for certain listed diseases. (LK)

To follow up certain epidemiological developments in Member States.

(PLAN/2575/2022)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EC) 2016/429 - Articles 31(3), 36(4) and 42(4)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

**B.04** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 concerning emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States. (IDC)

Update of the EU regionalization due to new outbreaks of HPAI in certain Member States.

(PLAN/12848I/2023)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EC) 2016/429 - Article 259 point (1) (c)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

## **Section C**      **Draft(s) presented for discussion**

**C.01** Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 as regards disease notification and the information for submission by Member States for approval and reporting of compulsory and optional eradication programmes and in applications of disease-free status. (JD)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 contains information to be submitted by Member States for approval of compulsory and optional eradication programmes, reporting of the outcome of those programmes and in applications of disease-free status, to the computerised Animal Diseases Information System (ADIS).

Experience with those submissions in the period since the application of that Regulation (since 21 April 2021), and especially in light of data already available in the ADIS system, shows that the Regulation should be fine-tuned,

- certain elements from the information currently required by the Regulation are not essential for the Commission to consider and make a decision on the applications for disease freedom. Those elements should not be required (reduce administrative burden on Member States);
- one Article should be aligned to the other Articles, in that the draft eradication programmes should also be submitted electronically via the ADIS (better coherence);

- other smaller clarifications are also needed for the better implementation of the Regulation.

It is therefore appropriate to amend the relevant requirements in Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 accordingly.

(PLAN/2463/2022)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EC) 2016/429 - Articles 23, 35 and 40

**Procedure:** Examination procedure