EU Animal Health Law

Study visits to Member States on Aquaculture

PAFF Committee - 13 July 2017

Background

- The drafting of delegated and implementing acts to AHL
- Some criticism of the existing legislation raised by certain MS and parts of the industry
- Reports from FVO fact finding missions show incomplete implementation of Directive 2006/88/EC, partly due to the perception of inappropriate or irrelevant requirements
- Possibilities for new elements introduced in the AHL

Aim of the project

Increase the knowledge of the Commission on in particular the following issues:

- **The production systems and main animal health challenges in extensive production of common carp**
- **The production systems and animal health challenges in production of Sea bass and Sea bream**
- **The increasing activities of recreational fisheries based on systems like "put and take"**
- **Small scale production of salmonids and other species**

The Commission to take informed decisions on delegated and implementing acts to the AHL

MS visited

2016 – October: Czech Republic

2017 – February: Greece

2017 – March: Slovenia

Outcome - 1

- Listing of diseases
  - The listing of KHV as a non-exotic disease is disputed
  - Deficiencies in the current list of susceptible species to the listed diseases
- Register of aquaculture establishments
  - Current register does not work in accordance with the intention
  - Poorly implemented in some MS
  - Clearer rules on content and format may be needed

Outcome - 2

- Risk based surveillance for the purpose of detecting emerging and listed diseases
  - Need for higher minimum standard
  - More flexibility with regard to
- Targeted surveillance for achieving disease free status
  - Current requirements are difficult to fulfil for certain production systems (e.g. – extensive pond production, sampling from wild stocks)

Outcome - 3

- Animal health certification
  - Requirement for animal health certification in the case all MS are declared free of a listed disease constitute an unnecessary administrative burden (e.g. ISA)
  - Several points for improvement of the model health certificates and in the TRACES system (simplification)

Outcome - 4

- Control and eradication of listed diseases
  - The current rules does not seem to be applicable to extensive production of aquaculture animals in linked pond systems
- Local movement of aquaculture animals for repopulation of open waters
  - Current rules make no distinctions between local movements and movements between MS.
  - More flexibility should be considered

Thank you for your attention, and for the good cooperation!