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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by Member States.

No item raised.

A.02 Guidelines for the Union co-funded programmes of eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses for the years 2021-2022.

The Commission presented an overview of the draft guidelines for the Union co-funded programmes of eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses for the years 2021-2022, focusing on the expected results, the measures to be funded per disease as well as major changes compared to the guidelines of previous years. Preliminary draft was already presented to Member States during the annual meeting of the Plenary Task Force on monitoring animal disease eradication programmes, held on 17 March 2021 and the current draft have taken into account the comments received by Member States during the meeting and later on. In particular, the Commission highlighted the following modification: the Unit cost table related to TB have been added, as well as the cost of PCR Rabies. In addition, the Commission made clear that under “duly justify measures”, only the measures/costs listed under the specific disease will be co-funded in 2021-2022.

A.03 Launch of ADIS interface.

The Commission provided an update on the recent launch on the new Animal Disease Information System (ADIS) and summarised the known issues and informed on the upcoming releases of ADIS patches to address some bugs and improve the interface. It clarified that this was a first step in a row of releases foreseen for 2020 and which envisages full interoperability with OIE-WAHIS and the inclusion of the Union reporting as foreseen by Regulation (EU) 2020/2002.

A.04 Revision of the strategic approach to the management of African swine fever for the EU.

The Commission presented the status quo and next steps in relation to the ongoing revision of the EU guidance document regarding ASF and updated on ASF legislation that apply from 21 April 2021.

A.05 Revision of the principles and criteria for geographically defining ASF regionalisation.

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A.06 Commission update on reporting received on infection with SARS-CoV-2 in minks and other animals of the family Mustelidae and in raccoon dogs.

The Commission provided an update on reporting received on infection with SARS-CoV-2 in minks and other animals of the family Mustelidae and in raccoon dogs based on Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/2183 of 21 December 2020. These updates addressed the outbreaks in Latvia and Spain. The Commission also informed that the draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to monitoring and reporting infection of SARS-CoV-2 in certain animal species was supported by the Committee and that now the draft text was in the process of being adopted. The Commission invited the Member States to already apply the measures included in this draft Decision in view of its imminent adoption respectively.

A.07 Information and actions related to the implementation of the Animal Health Law.

The Commission presented updates on adopted and published legislation and on transitional measures and presented for discussion draft statement by the Commission and Member States for the application of animal health certification during the transitional period. The Commission also explained the statement regarding certification of composite products for entry into the EU during the transitional period, which is already available on line.

The Commission presented document SANTE/7104/2021 rev1 providing practical indications as regards certification of movements within the EU and certain aspects of entry into the EU during the transitional period following the entry into application of the AHL. This document has been expanded since the last Committee meeting covering a wide range of issues for which clarifications are needed during the transitional period as regards certification.

The Commission also clarified the regime of derogations related to Bluetongue in the frame of movements within the EU and informed about the templates and procedures for submitting eradication programmes and requests for recognition of disease freedom.

Finally, the Commission presented for discussion and reflection possible future approach for entry into the EU of plant material based on animal health risks.

A.08 Information from Member States on African swine fever.

Bulgaria, Poland and Slovakia presented an update of the ASF epidemiological situation and how the regionalisation was revised on the basis of the evolution of the disease in their territories. In addition Germany and Romania presented the current situation, with Romania having notified to ADIS two outbreaks in two connected big commercial farms in Timis and Araud Regions.

A.09 Information from the Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Czechia, France, Germany, Poland and Hungary presented the updated situation of highly pathogenic avian influenza on their territories. Belgium informed about the recent confirmation of a new outbreak of HPAI in a captive birds holding. The Netherlands also informed about an unprecedented event seen on their shores where hundreds of wild migratory geese are found dead and infected with HPAI. The Commission expressed its worries on the evolution of HPAI in certain areas in Poland and urged for immediate actions for containing the spread of the disease in the poultry population.

A.10 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment Bruthaus Gruol der Forellenzucht Hubertus Belser.

Summary report on points A.10-A.31:

All standard declarations. These were the last of their kind as the declaration procedure changes with the application of the AHL.

For item A.11 the Commission informed the delegates that this declaration had a mistake on the agenda and it concerned a dependent, rather than an independent compartment.

For items A.14-A.15 the Commission informed the delegates that compared to the agenda those also included declaration freedom from Koi herpes virus (KHV) on the basis of absence of susceptible species.

For items A.10-A.31 the Commission briefly explained key elements of the declarations, explained where they will be made available for further scrutiny by the Member States at the following home page and stated that these take effect 60 days from the date of the meeting unless significant objective concerns are raised in writing (https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live_animals/aquaculture/declarations_en).

A.11 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment Bruthaus Urspring der LaFo GmbH.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.12 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone kleine Enz und Enz bis Neuenbürg.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.13 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment Forellenhof Hergetsfeld.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.14 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of the AAPPMA (Conlie-Bernay-Ruillé).

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.15 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of the AAPPMA (Sougé Le Ganelon).

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.16 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of the upper Beuvron and the Sauldre.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.17 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Bernazobre.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.18 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of the Sor and of the Orival.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.19 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of Val de Saône.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.20 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of the Pisciculture de Crisenon.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.21 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Bresle.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.22 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of the Pisciculture de la Vallée.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.23 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Seille.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.24 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Nied.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.25 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Sarre.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.26 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of the Solin.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.27 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of Velars-sur-Ouche.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.28 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the upper Courtavaux.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.29 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of the Etangs de la Logette.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.30 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of the creek Bièvres.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

A.31 Information concerning a declaration from Spain on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Rio Mundo.

Standard declaration, summary under Point A.10.

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.

Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 laying down special control measures for African swine fever (SANTE/7086/2021).

The Commission presented to Member States an Implementing Regulation to amend the Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605. The amendment included revision of regionalisation in Slovakia, Bulgaria and Poland.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the import of animal by-products.

The Commission presented to Member States the draft and explained that it was still subject to the inter-services consultation. After the end of consultation the new draft will be shared for final comments from Member States.

Vote Postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Annex VIII to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the model animal health certificate for movements of consignments of animal by-products from restricted zones established for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases.

The Commission presented to Member States the draft Commission Regulation amending Annex VIII to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the model animal health certificate for movements of consignments of animal by-products from restricted zones established for the prevention and control of certain listed diseases. In the absence of any substantial comments the Commission will start with the vote by the written procedure.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending certain Annexes to Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the definition of insect excrements and requirements for placing on the market of processed insect excrements, the list of authorised insect species and adaption of a containment method.

The Commission presented to Member States the last changes of the draft. Due to last minutes changes Member States asked for some additional time to assess the draft. The Commission asked Member States to provide their comments by 28 April 2021.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards conditions for exports of certain organic fertilisers and soil improvers containing Category 2 materials.

Certain Member States asked for additional fine tuning of the text. The Commission will distribute a new revision for comments by Member States and possible vote by written consultation.

Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.