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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 30 NOVEMBER 2015 - 01 DECEMBER 2015
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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A.01 Information by the Commission on the outcome of the reallocation exercise in relation to the EU financial contribution for the 2015 veterinary programmes.

The Commission presented the outcome of the reallocation exercise in relation to the 2015 programmes: the reallocation has been based on the data provided by Member States by 31 August 2015 (intermediate report as by Regulation EU 652/2014). The initial amount allocated (by grant Decision on 31 January 2015) will be reduced for 5 Member States: RO, EL, DK, CY and DE while it will be increased for 4 Member States: FR, ND, IT and ES. Member States will be informed by the Commission by letter on the details of the reallocation exercise by beginning of December 2015: Member States can comment or ask for revision of the amount reallocated by middle of December at the latest. Member States welcomed the whole exercise.

A.02 Outcome of the evaluation procedure of eradication, control and surveillance programmes submitted by Member States for Union financial contribution for 2016 and following years: list of the programmes technically approved and preliminary amount allocated to each programme.

Preliminary information, as by article 13 of EU Regulation 652/2014, to the Member States on the list of national programmes technically approved and proposed for EU co-financing for 2016 and following years and provisional amount allocated to each programme. Member States requested the Commission to send them the details of the financial contribution foreseen for each programmes: the Commission will do by 4 December and Member States have been requested to comment/ask for clarification by middle of December to allow the Commission to finalise the exercise before the PAFF on 12-13 January 2016, when the final list of national programmes technically approved and proposed for EU co-financing for 2016 will be presented. Grant decisions have to be signed by the AO by 31 January (and then sent to Member States).

A.03 Information from Italy on the situation as regards low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry.

The Italian representative gave an overview on the situation as regards low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry and birds on the Italian territory during 2015. Between January and November 2015 five outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza were detected of subtype H5N2 and H7N2. The outbreaks occurred in the regions of Veneto, Tuscany and Emilia Romagna and concerned ornamental birds, decoy birds and a rural poultry holding. Birds on all holdings were culled with the exception of CITES bird species which underwent confinement and testing instead.

A.04 Information concerning a declaration from Slovenia on a surveillance programme for achieving disease-free status with regard to infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) for the compartment "Temenica".

The Commission informed about a declarations from Slovenia concerning a surveillance programme in order to achieve disease free status with regard to IHN and VHS for a compartment in the stream "Temenica". The fish farm is managed by the local fishing club and the main production is rearing of rainbow trout, brown trout and Danube salmon for human consumption and repopulation of open waters. The surveillance programme is prepared in line with Model B of Decision 2001/183/EC which means a two year programme with reduced sample size based on systematic surveillance of the farm over the last four years.

The declaration presented has been submitted in accordance with Article 50 of Directive 2006/88/EC, and link to the declaration presented will be found on the SANTE WEB page under the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations_en.htm

A.05 Information from Greece on the situation as regards Lumpy skin disease.

The Greek delegation presented an update of the epidemiological situation of Lumpy Skin Disease in their country, including the occurrence of new outbreaks and the progress of the relevant vaccination campaign. Clarifications were also provided by the Commission representative on the specific measures in place to prevent any circulation of the vaccine virus in disease free areas.

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

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision intended to amend Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709. The document and its annex were voted and unanimously supported by all Member States present. The Committee stressed the importance of applying the restrictions foreseen by Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU also to meat and meat products of wild boar.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtypes H5N1 and H5N2 in France.

France notified the Commission of outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5 namely H5N1 and H5N2 in poultry holdings in Dordogne. Ongoing laboratory investigations suggest that the genetics of the HPAI H5N1 virus strain are different from the HPAI virus of the H5N1 subtype that first appeared in Europe in 2005. It rather appears that the HPAI H5N1 virus strain detected in France recently mutated from a low pathogenic form previously found in the Union to a virus of high pathogenicity. It appears therefore not necessary to apply the same additional protection measures as those laid down in Commission Decision 2006/415/EC which were specifically adopted for the HPAI virus of H5N1 subtype that first appeared in Europe in 2005. France took immediately control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC, including the establishment of protection and surveillance zones. The Commission has examined those measures and deems that the protection and surveillance zones, established by France are at a sufficient distance to the actual holdings where the outbreaks were confirmed. In order to prevent any unnecessary disturbance to trade within the Union and to avoid unjustified barriers to trade being imposed by third countries, it is necessary to rapidly define these zones at Union level, to define them in the Annex to this Decision and to lay down the duration of that regionalisation.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on a financial contribution from the Union for expenditure incurred by Italy in 2013 for the financing of the emergency measures to combat avian influenza.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision allowing Italy to receive a second tranche of the contribution from the Union towards emergency measures to combat avian influenza in 2013, awaiting the final result of the ex-ante on the spot audit.

This draft had already been presented in the previous PAFF of November.

Vote taken: favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1500 and Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/XXXX (EC).

Item has been withdrawn from the agenda.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of a financing decision regarding the Union financial contribution to emergency measures to combat lumpy skin disease in Greece in 2015 and 2016 and establishing a stock of vaccines against lumpy skin disease.

Vote postponed

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards alignment with the landing obligation under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy.

Point was withdrawn from Agenda and postponed to a later stage.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2010/221/EU as regards national measures for preventing the introduction of certain aquatic animal diseases into Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision for amending Decision 2010/221/EU as regards national measures in accordance with Article 43 of Directive 2006/88/EC. It was informed that the necessary amendments are based on the following grounds:

- An application from Finland for recognition of disease freedom and authorisation to take national measures with regard to salmonid alphavirus (SAV)
- Declarations from the United Kingdom with regard to update of the status of areas in its territory being declared free of OsHV- μ Var.
- Declarations from Ireland with regard to an update of the health status of areas currently being subject to a surveillance programme for OsHV-1 μ Var.
- A declaration from Ireland of disease freedom of OsHV-1 μ Var for six compartments of its territory.
- An application from Sweden for prolongation of the on-going eradication programmes with regard to bacterial kidney disease (BKD) and infectious pancreas necrosis (IPN).

The Commission asked the Member States to provide comments to the presented document within 14 days from this meeting.

M.01 Bluetongue – Update from Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia on the epidemiological situation and the control measures in place.

The delegations of Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia presented an update of the Bluetongue epidemiological situation in their countries including recent disease outbreaks where present, specific measures in place as regards the movement of animals from restricted areas and vaccination policies against the disease.

M.02 Update the measures in Lithuania for African swine fever.

Lithuania presented the epidemiological situation and the measures in place for ASF. The improvement of diseases situation in some territories of Lithuania were presented to the Committee in view of a possible future reassignment of territories under Part III of the Annex of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU to Part II of the same Annex.

M.03 HPAI in France.

The French Delegation gave a on the HPAI outbreaks detected as from 24/11/2015 on the French territory. Three outbreaks were confirmed in the South-West of France in the Département de Dordogne. Control measures including culling of all poultry present on the infected holdings, cleaning and disinfection and zoning around the outbreaks with movement restrictions. Epidemiological investigations and surveillance are ongoing.

M.04 Newcastle disease in poultry.

The Romanian representative informed about the confirmation on 28/11/2015 of Newcastle disease in a small laying hen flock (1.500) kept in the open. The birds showed mortality and were culled and the EU measures to control Newcastle disease were implemented. It appears that the flock was not sufficiently protected against Newcastle disease by routine vaccination.