

Summary record of the meeting of the Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare held on 24 March 1998 in Brussels adopted 23 June 1998

List of Participants:

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Ahl , Dr. D. Alexander, Prof. S. Alexandersen, Prof. J. Badiola Diez , Prof. D. Broom, Dr. R. Dantzer, Dr. F. Garrido-Abellan, Chairman, Dr. M. Gunn, Prof. P. Jensen, Prof. Dr. V. Moennig, Dr. P. Le Neindre , Prof. G. Panina , Prof. A-L. Parodi, Prof. J. van Oirschot, Dr. E. Vanopdenbosch, Prof. M. Verga

COMMISSION

Mr. J. Moynagh, Mr C. Deckart, Mr H Bazin, Mr J Westergaard, Mr E Schmid, Mr B Verleysen

APOLOGIES

Dr. A. Dijkhuizen , Prof. J. Hartung, Prof. D. Morton.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as proposed

2. Adoption of the record of the meeting of 17 November 1997

The draft record of the meeting of 17 November was adopted without amendment. (See document XXIV/B/AHAW/M01 final).

3. Declarations of interests

No member reported any conflicts of interest relating to the items under discussion

4. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Welfare (Dr Le Neindre)

Dr Le Neindre reported that two meetings of the Animal Welfare Subcommittee had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee. Questions considered by the sub committee at these meetings included gavage, force feeding of ducks and geese, the welfare aspects of the use of bovine somatotrophin, standards for forced ventilation on animal transports, and use of certain gas mixtures for stunning poultry.

The subcommittee had also elected its first and second vice chairmen, Prof. Broom and Prof. Hartung respectively, both with a mandate for one year.

The subcommittee had also noted the importance of acknowledging the input of experts in the reports of the Committee;

5. Report from the Sub-Committee on Animal Health (Dr Ahl)

Dr Ahl reported that two meetings of the Animal Health Subcommittee had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee. Eighteen requests for opinion had been put to the Committee and a total of 14 working groups had been established (four items being postponed to a later date). The main topics discussed at the meetings had been the definition of Newcastle disease, eradication programmes for scrapie and progress reports from the other working

groups.

The subcommittee had also elected its first and second vice chairmen, Prof. Dijkhuizen and Prof. Van Oirschot respectively, both with a mandate for one year.

6. Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of a Report on the Definition of Newcastle Disease adopted by the Sub-Committee on Animal Health on 3 March 1998. (Rapporteur Dr Alexander)

Dr Alexander presented the report which had been approved by the Subcommittee on 3 March 1998. Following discussion the report was unanimously adopted by the Committee with minor amendments. (See document XXIV/B/AHAW/R01 final Attached).

7. Discussion and possible adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Committee

Following detailed examination and discussion, the Committee unanimously adopted its Rules of Procedure. (See document XXIV/B3/AHAW/Proc1/98 final Attached).

8. Miscellaneous

Members raised the problem of delays in the processing of refunds by the Commission. The Secretariat responded that this had also been raised in other Committees. Solutions were currently being investigated.