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**SUMMARY REPORT**

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

No item raised.

**A.02 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haemopoetic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment La Morinière.**

Routine declaration.

**A.03 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haemopoetic necrosis (IHN): zone of Thon upstream.**

Routine declaration.

**A.04 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haemopoetic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of the Roumer.**

Routine declaration.

**A.05 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haemopoetic necrosis (IHN): zone Rohrach.**

Routine declaration.

**A.06 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haemopoetic necrosis (IHN): zone Schwarzer Kocher.**

Routine declaration.

The Commission briefly explained key elements of all the declarations above, explained where they will be made available for further scrutiny by the Member States and stated that according to the procedure in Directive 2006/88/EC 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](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live_animals/aquaculture/declarations_en)).

**A.07 Information from the Commission on the implementation of, and reporting under, Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/320 and potential follow-up as regards *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (Bsal).**

The Commission shared some available (rather limited) information about what is known about trade and imports of salamanders and the development of scientific, international standard and EU legislative information. Also sharing some key ideas about a possible new temporary Decision to be applicable from 21 April 2021 (largely similar to the current one), with the view to present a draft at the next Committee and explained several elements where the new rules may differ from current ones.

**A.08 Report on the EUVET mission on highly pathogenic avian influenza to Hungary.**

The report of the EUVET mission in Hungary was presented with specific recommendations, in particular for the area of the country with high density of holdings where ducks and geese are kept for *foie gras* production.

**A.09 Presentation from EFSA of a scientific overview of the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in EU in 2020.**

EFSA presented a scientific overview based on data collected on highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks (HPAI) in EU in the first eight months of 2020. It also presented the recent information on the outbreaks of HPAI confirmed in Russia and Kazakhstan warning about the very high risk of the virus to be introduced in EU with the migratory birds during their autumn migration. The Commission reminded about the importance of proper biosecurity measures to be observed during the known risk period, and that should aim to prevent the introduction of the virus from wild birds to poultry.

**A.10 Information on African swine fever by Member States.**

Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia and Germany provided an update on the ASF epidemiological situation and evolution in their territories.

**A.11 Report on the EUVET field visit on African swine fever in Germany.**

The Commission presented the conclusions and recommendations of the EUVET field visit on African swine fever which took place in Germany on 22-24 September 2020. The focus of the visit was on wild boar management and surveillance. The main recommendations included strengthening of the passive surveillance, setting up of specific areas with different management measures as well as strengthening of cross border coordination. The Committee noted the recommendation of the use of fences as part of a set of measures. Clarifications were provided on the use of trained dogs for the active search of wild boar carcasses.

**A.12 Report on EU Veterinary Emergency Team established by Commission Decision 2007/142/EC.**

The Commission summarised the activities of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team for 2020 and invited Member States to review the current list of experts to ensure optimal

operability of this tool. Request of changes to the list of experts should be submitted to the Commission.

**A.13 Re-homing of pets: issues detected in trade.**

The Commission presented the document and explained the updates from previous versions. These updates are related to the registration of the holding of origin and to the welfare requirements. Some Member States took the floor, supporting the document but requesting some clarifications as regards the validation of the destination.

**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.**

No item raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.**

The Commission Implementing Decision was presented for the revision of the Annex to Decision 2014/709/EU to enlarge some restricted areas in Poland, Slovakia and Romania and to revert to Part II some areas in Lithuania, Latvia and Poland.

**Vote Postponed:** Written Consultation

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to Union notification and Union reporting of listed diseases, to formats and procedures for submission and reporting of Union surveillance programmes and of eradication programmes and for application for recognition of disease-free status, and to the computerised information system.**

The Commission presented the document and indicated that it will be sent for vote following a written consultation. One Member State declared that they will abstain as some of their comments were not included in the draft.

**Vote Postponed:** Written Consultation

**B.04 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.**

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**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 meat-and-bone meal as a fuel for combustion.**

Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 as regards procedures for the establishment and use of ADIS and EUROPHYT, the issuance of electronic official certificates and the use of electronic signatures, and the proper functioning of TRACES.**

The draft amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 ('the IMSOC Regulation') was presented by the Commission for an exchange of views of the Committee.

The Commission explained that the purpose of the draft is to complement the rules for the functioning of ADIS and TRACES to take account of the entry into application of the Animal Health Law and to amend the rules for the functioning of EUROPHYT in the light of experience gained so far.

Some Member States asked clarifications on certain provisions of the draft.

Member States were invited to send their comments in writing by the end of October 2020.

The Commission explained its intention to also present the draft for an exchange of views of the section "Plant Health" of the Committee in October 2020.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to national measures designed to limit the impact of diseases of aquatic animals other than listed aquatic diseases.**

The draft Commission Implementing Decision was presented emphasising that it concerns only diseases which affect trade between Member States. When this is not the case, Member States can implement national measures in accordance with Article 226(1), without approval from the Commission. Three Member States requested certain clarifications and these were provided. A deadline for written comments and for the submission of further requests to 'roll-over' current national measures to the new Decision was given as 30 October.

**M.01 IHN Outbreak – Germany.**

Germany informed the Committee about several recent primary outbreaks of IHN on free areas. The Commission thanked Germany and asked to share the overall epidemiological information once the source of the repeated outbreaks throughout 2019-20 is established.

**M.02 Information on animal disease report 2019.**

The Commission informed the committee on the draft document which will be circulated later this week, and Member States were invited to control the data and make corrections, if necessary, by 10 November. After this date, the revised document will be published on the Commission website.

**M.03 Release of ADIS - Information by the Commission.**

The Commission informed the Committee that the release of ADIS would follow a two-step approach: a first step related to outbreak notification as foreseen by the Animal

Health Law (currently foreseen by April 2021) and a second step for linking with OIE-WAHIS (foreseen for June/July 2021). The Commission would prepare a more complete ADIS presentation for the PAFF meeting of November where a progress report on ADIS will be scheduled.

**M.04 Information from Commission on information for EFSA mandate.**

The Commission reminded the ongoing mandates issued to EFSA on ASF. These include scientific opinions and a technical cooperation mandate. The latter includes a data collection on ASF from Member States to enable a meaningful assessment by EFSA of risk factors for ASF spread and onset. The Commission thanked Member States that already provided this data and invited the remaining Member States to provide the missing data as soon as possible.