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**SUMMARY REPORT**

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

No item raised.

**A.02 Information on activities related to the implementation of the Animal Health Law.**

The Commission presented an overview of activities and in particular legislative development under the AHL. It reminded that BTSF seminars have started in January 2021 with a view to support the Member State's competent authorities. Clarifications were also provided on the timeline of certain acts which are under development.

**A.03 Information from the Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza.**

France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Denmark, Sweden and Ireland informed on the updated epidemiological situation with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) on their territory and on the measures in place for controlling the spread of the disease. The Commission presented in brief the situation of the HPAI in EU in the current epidemic season.

**A.04 Commission to inform on reporting received on infection with SARS-CoV-2 in minks and other animals of the family *Mustelidae* and in raccoon dogs.**

The Commission updated the Committee on the information received as required by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/2183 of 21 December 2020 concerning certain protective measures in relation to reporting infection with SARS-CoV-2 in minks and other animals of the family *Mustelidae* and in raccoon dogs. MS were invited to provide further information which the Commission intends to present in the next Committee meeting.

**A.05 Update on the adoption of the Single Market Programme Regulation (SMP) and on the Work Programme for 2021-2022.**

The Commission informed Member States that SMP Regulation has been agreed during the last political trilogue on 8 December 2020: the Regulation is expected to be adopted by Spring 2021 (most likely March 2021). As consequence the SPM Financing Decision (FD) and related Work Programmes (WP) 2021-2022 will be adopted most

likely by April/May 2021. The submission by Member States of veterinary programmes to be implemented in 2021-2022 might then take place in June 2021 and the grants are expected to be signed by September/October 2021. It has been clarified that, in relation to EU financial support, a retro-activity clause will apply from 1 January 2021 in order to co-fund the activities implemented by January, even if the related grants will be signed later. Member States will be kept informed by the Commission during the coming PAFF in February, March and during the annual Plenary Task Force (planned for middle of March 2021) where detailed information will be provided on the procedures and templates to be used to submit veterinary programme, claims etc. The Commission reminded Member States that a letter was sent to CVOs, PER REPs and contact points on 18 December 2020 to clarify and inform on the steps to be taken by January 2021, waiting for the adoption of the SMP and related FD and WPs.

**A.06 Presentation on ASF epidemiological situation from Member States: Slovakia.**

Germany and Slovakia provided an update on their African swine fever (ASF) epidemiological situation. Both countries have ASF in wild boar only.

**A.07 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment Durach, Anlage „Alttann“.**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting and was not discussed.

**A.08 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone Nims.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.09 Information concerning a declaration from Germany on disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone Obere Nagold.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.10 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment la Corbinière.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.11 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Auzon.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.12 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment of Coulogne.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.13 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Sinope.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.14 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the upper part of the Juine.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.15 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the upper part of the Hérault.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.16 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the upper part of the Vaucouleurs.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.17 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Huîtrelle.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.18 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Moder.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.19 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Le Rosey.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.20 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Somme.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.21 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): independent compartment SARL Vinals.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.22 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and koi herpes virus (KHV) disease: zone of the Durançole.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.23 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment Vivier Foulon et Pont de Sains.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**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 Arques.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**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 Orne.**

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

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

Standard declaration. Please see details under Point A.28.

**A.27 Information concerning a declaration from France on a surveillance programme for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): dependent compartment of the upper part of the Vilpion.**

The Commission clarified that this item had been wrongly put onto the agenda as if it was concerning a surveillance program, while it concerns a declaration on a diseases free status. Subsequently the declaration was presented as the latter.

**A.28 Information concerning a declaration from France on disease free status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN): zone of the Credogne.**

Summary for Points A.08-A.28:

All items are standard declarations.

The Commission briefly explained key elements of the declarations, 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)).

**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 Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals.**

The Commission gave a brief presentation of the draft and pointed out an amendment to the text circulated in advance of the meeting. Several Member States expressed their support to the draft, and the Commission took note of a point for further discussion.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down emergency measures for movements between Member States and the entry into the Union of consignments of salamanders in relation to infection with *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*.**

The Commission explained the background to, and key elements of the Draft. Several delegates asked for clarifications all of which were given, one smaller amendment was agreed upon.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1809 concerning certain protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.**

Following further spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza to poultry in certain Member States, the regionalization at Union level had to be revised to reflect the current epidemiological situation. Therefore, the Draft was proposed by the Commission to amend the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1809 concerning certain protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion**

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving national measures designed to limit the impact of certain diseases of aquatic animals in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council.**

Draft Commission Implementing Decision approving national measures designed to limit the impact of certain aquatic diseases in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, was presented to Member States. One Member State commented that they wished to see additional species added to the list in Annex III concerning IPN. They will compile scientific data and supply it to the Commission in due course. Another Member State stated that certain derogations should be included concerning movements between Member States. The Commission responded that such proposals could be examined in the future should they be scientifically robust and fall within the legal basis provided by the AHL.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion**

**B.06 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.**

Several Member States presented their opinion and raised additional questions. Further exchange of opinion and possible vote have been postponed to the forthcoming PAFF Committee meeting in February.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.07 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.**

A Decision to enlarge Parts I and II in Slovakia, to take into account the occurrence of several ASF cases in wild boar in Part II but in close proximity to Part I, was presented to the Committee.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation approving the status of Member States, zones or compartments and approving eradication programmes for certain listed diseases referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU)2016/429.**

Only the annexes to the draft were presented as the whole text is still under the scrutiny of the Legal Service. The Commission requested Member States to check whether the annexes contain all areas that are currently disease free or with an approved eradication programme under the existing legislation. Comments are expected by 22 January.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning special control measures relating to African swine fever.**

The Commission provided an update to the Committee on ongoing discussions and progress made within a Working Group of Experts on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning special control measures relating to African swine fever.

The next meeting of the Working Group is provisionally planned for 29 January 2021.