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**SUMMARY REPORT**

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

No item raised.

**A.02 Information from the Member States on African Swine fever.**

Italy, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland provided an update on the evolution of the African swine fever epidemiological situation in their countries. France described the preventive measures put in place to react to the occurrence of one outbreak of ASF in Germany, at the border with France.

**A.03 Information from Cyprus on a recent outbreak of *Brucella melitensis* in bovine animals.**

The CVO of Cyprus gave an overview of the bovine, ovine and caprine population in Cyprus. He presented information on the outbreaks in bovine animals and in ovine and caprine animals. The infected establishments have been subjected to the relevant disease control measures. By means of maps, he explained the epidemiological correlations. To clarify the origin of the infection, the presented results of the Whole Genome Sequencing were very helpful. The measures put in place were in line with the recommendations of the EUVET mission team. The status free from infection with *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis* as regards kept bovine animals and as regards kept ovine and caprine animals of Cyprus may be maintained at this stage.

**A.04 Report on the EUVET mission regarding *Brucella melitensis* in Cyprus.**

The EUVET mission team leader gave an overview of the mission to Cyprus including the case presentation, the visit to the farm and epidemiological investigations. He presented the main findings and conclusions and the short and medium term recommendations.

**A.05 Draft Communication from the Commission establishing formal recognition that a certain number of acts of Union law in the area of animal health have become obsolete.**

A Member State took the floor asking if a Communication is the correct instrument for this purpose. The Commission replied that it was the approach suggested by the legal services.

**A.06 Information from Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza.**

Germany, France and Hungary presented the updated epidemiological situation on highly pathogenic avian influenza and on the measures taken to control and eradicate the disease. The Netherlands informed about confirmation of a new outbreak in poultry.

**A.07 Information from the Commission on the last highly pathogenic avian influenza epidemic season.**

The Commission presented an overview of the 2021-2022 highly pathogenic avian influenza epidemic season in EU and worldwide.

**A.08 Information from Sweden on outbreak of Newcastle disease in poultry.**

Sweden presented details on the recent outbreak of Newcastle disease outbreak confirmed in poultry and on the measures taken to eradicate it and informed, following question by the Commission, that the use of vaccination as measure to prevent the infection of poultry establishments in the future is not yet considered but it is under assessment.

**A.09 Commission update on reports received on infection with SARS CoV-2 in minks and other animals of the family Mustelidae and in raccoon dogs.**

The Commission informed the Committee on updates received from Member States on the epidemiological situation for SARS CoV-2 in mustelidae and raccoon dogs; the updates concerned updated information on existing outbreaks in Spain and Poland.

**A.10 Update by the Commission on ADIS Union notifications and Union reporting public interface.**

The Commission presented the progress in submission in ADIS of Union reports based on Article 4 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 and encouraged Member States with outstanding reports to submit them. On the aspect of disease notification via ADIS, the Commission noted the increased number of outbreaks where the date of preliminary cleaning and disinfection was included and invited Member States to fill in this data filed as it part of the notification legal requirements. The Commission also presented a series of mock-ups to show how SANTE public webpages would show the information contained into ADIS and sought comments from Member States within two weeks in order to proceed with an coordinated approach. Finally, the Commission reported on the latest ADIS patch being by the end of June 2022 with the related improvements of the interface and speed of submission. Member States reiterated the need for a swift ADIS interface and public pages that show Union reporting data in an adequate manner.

**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 amending Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 laying down special control measures for African swine fever.**

Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 was revised to take into account the recent evolution of the African swine fever epidemiological situation in Germany and Poland Member States.

**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) 2021/641 concerning emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.**

Point withdrawn.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annexes I and II to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/260 as regards Member States or parts thereof for which national measures for certain diseases of aquatic animals are approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429.**

Annexes I and II to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/260 have been revised to include new zones and compartments which should be approved in accordance with Article 226(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429, and to remove OsHV-1 $\mu$ var free compartments in Ireland from Annex I.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending certain Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 as regards the approval of the disease-free status of certain Member States or zones thereof as regards certain listed diseases and the approval of eradication programmes for certain listed diseases.**

The Commission briefly presented the draft focusing on the countries and diseases concerned. There were no comments nor questions from Member States.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes II and IV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002 as regards Union notification and Union reporting on the detection of certain listed diseases.**

The Commission presented the modifications proposed in the draft Implementing Regulation and the rationale for the changes. The Committee, after exchanging on how these would be handled in the EU notification system (ADIS), had no further comments.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.07 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 registration and approval of establishments keeping terrestrial animals and collecting, producing, processing or storing germinal products.**

The Commission presented a revised draft based on the comments received from Member States and during the public consultation. Member States indicated support to the draft presented. Due to ongoing internal consultations, the draft will only be presented for vote in a later meeting.

**Vote Postponed**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 laying down special control measures for African swine fever.**

The Commission presented the outcome of the discussion on the issue from six Working Group meetings with Member States on a revision of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 laying down special control measures for African swine fever.

**M.01 National websites of the Member States on disease-free areas.**

The Commission reminded Member States about the relevant legal obligations. The Commission urged the six Member States which have not yet developed their national pages and/or have not submitted the links to the Commission, to do so as soon as possible and also emphasised that the management of the national pages by Member States should remain dynamic according to the relevant rules. In addition, following a very recent problem signalled by a Member State, the Commission also asked all Member States to double-check and if necessary revise their national pages on animal identification and/or send the required links to the Commission, as necessary.

**M.02 Veterinary Programmes 2023.**

HaDEA presented the state of play of the submission of the EU cofinanced veterinary programmes for 2023 and reminded Member States about the new deadline for submission of these programmes in the eGRANT IT tool (which is now 21/06) and the need to submit only one application per Member State, which will include in attachment all the diseases's specific funding requests uploaded from the ERADFUNDS DG SANTE IT tool.