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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by Member States.

Bulgaria presented information on a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5. Four new outbreaks were confirmed since 13/03/2019 outbreak in the regions of Lovech and Plovdiv. Bulgaria is applying the EU measures to control this outbreak including the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.

A.02 Declaration from Slovenia in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in a zone comprising the two fish farms "Pri Mlinarju" and "Žolnek".

No comments nor discussion. The declaration is published on the website of the Slovenian Authorities:

http://www.uvhvvr.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/zdravje_zivali/akvakultura/proglasitve/.

A.03 Declaration from Italy in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in an independent compartment comprising the fish farm "Centro Ittiogenico Alto Dolo".

No comments nor discussion. The declaration will be published on the website of the Italian Authorities:

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=1845&area=sanita_Animale&menu=acqua.

A.04 Declaration by Italy in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the zone "Val di Cedra".

No comments nor discussion. The declaration will be published on the website of the Italian Authorities:

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=1845&area=sanita_Animale&menu=acqua.

A.05 Information on African swine fever in Member States.

Lithuania and Poland made presentations on their respective African swine fever situation and the measures taken to address the epidemiological changes.

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 the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (SANTE/7082/2019).

The Commission presented a draft decision to amend the Annex to Decision (EU) 2017/247 in order to update the regionalisation with respect to the new outbreaks of HPAI in Bulgaria.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision approving the plan for the eradication of African swine fever in feral pigs in certain areas of Belgium.

Withdrawn from the agenda - no final document received.

B.03 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.

African swine fever (ASF) regionalisation measures were reviewed at the Committee. The changes were necessary to respond to the ASF epidemiological situation in Poland and Lithuania.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the traceability of certain animal by-products and derived products.

The proposed Regulation aims at harmonisation of rules for transport of Category 3 fish oil and intended for the production of feed materials to a plant for detoxification in another Member State.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards imports of gelatine, rendered fats and flavouring innards.

The proposed Implementing Regulation aims at revision of the list of third countries authorised for imports of gelatine, rendered fats and flavouring innards.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the harmonisation of the list of approved or registered establishments, plants and operators and the traceability of certain animal by-products and derived products.

The proposed Implementing Regulation aims at harmonisation of the list of approved or registered establishments, plants and operators and the traceability of certain animal by-products and derived products.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards microbiological standards for raw petfood, requirements concerning approved establishments, technical parameters applicable to the alternative method Brookes' gasification process and hydrolysis of rendered fats, and conditions for transport of certain Category 3 materials and exports of processed manure, certain blood, blood products and intermediate products.

After intensive discussion, the vote was postponed. Member States asked to send back the draft to the working group of 7th June for technical discussions with a view to find out a common position on the conditions for the collection and transport of unprocessed animal by-products.

Vote Postponed

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the financing and the adoption of the work programme for 2019 for activities in the food and feed area to ensure the application of the food and feed legislation.

The Commission reviewed the proposal which covers the expenditure for actions in the area of Food and Feed for the year 2019 for grants, procurement and other actions such as expert reimbursements. No questions were raised by Member States.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down implementing measures for the Rapid alert system for food and feed, and rules as regards the computerised information system for notifying and reporting on listed animal diseases, the notification of the presence of, and protective measures taken against, plant pests, administrative assistance and cooperation between Member States' authorities, and the functioning of the information management system for official controls ('the IMSOC Regulation').

The draft IMSOC Implementing Regulation was presented by the Commission for an exchange of views of the Committee. The Commission explained the rationale behind the four legal bases and the structure of the draft. The system components of the IMSOC as well as the common and specific rules laid down for their functioning, including contingency arrangements, were described. The Commission reminded that this draft has been subject to a large consultation with Member States over the year 2018, notably in four working groups, and informed the Committee that the vast majority of comments received were taken on board.

Some Member States asked clarifications on certain provisions of the draft. The lack of transitional measures for the implementation of the intended provisions was considered problematic by one Member State. The Commission replied that the Official Controls Regulation does not empower the Commission to lay down such measures.

Member States were invited to send their comments in writing.

M.01 PAFF Committee Meeting on Brexit - 9 April 2019.

Following the decision of the European Council to extend further the period provided for in Article 50(3) TEU extending Brexit until 31 October 2019, the Commission informed Member States that the 16 legal acts voted at the PAFF Committee of 9 April will be adopted on 11/04 and published in the Official Journal on 13/04. The Commission further clarified that the legal texts will not apply. A new vote could take place taking into account further developments. No comments/questions were raised by Member States.

M.02 Presentation by Denmark of the results of the control campaign on cleaning and disinfection of transport vehicles.

Denmark made a presentation on their project in relation to the control campaign on cleaning and disinfection of transport vehicles.

It was highlighted that a proper cleaning and disinfection are of paramount importance to avoid the introduction of contagious diseases.

The Commission reminded that Article 17 of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU already requires MS to ensure that vehicles used for transportation of pigs and animal by-products from areas listed in the Annex of that Decision are properly cleansed and disinfected.

M.03 Presentation by Denmark of the erection of a fence with regard to the prevention of African swine fever.

Denmark made a presentation on fence that is under construction along border with Germany. The main goal is to avoid the movement of wild boar from Germany.

It was highlighted that small scale fences were proven as effective measures against spread of African swine fever (ASF), e.g. in the Czech Republic and Belgium.

The Commission reminded the most recent EFSA opinion and recommendations in relation to large scale fencing. In addition, the measures taken by Member States should be in line with EU veterinary and environmental legislation (as stated in the Ministerial Conference on ASF on 19 December 2018).

M.04 Information from Germany on LP Avian influenza in a holding of captive birds.

Germany provided information on confirmed outbreak of LP Avian influenza of subtype H7 in a captive birds holding breeding rare breeds located in region of Vorpommern-Greifswald. Measures in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC have been applied.