



### **Summary on the expert group meeting on the aquatic diagnostic manual**

TITLE OF MEETING:	<b>EXPERT GROUP ON THE AQUATIC DIAGNOSTIC MANUAL</b>
LOCATION:	DG SANCO, B232 8/120 RUE FROISSART 101, 1040 BRUSSELS
DATE:	14 MARCH 2013
TIME:	11.00 – 16:00h
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From the Commission: official from DG SANCO Animal Health Unit (G2)

The purpose of the meeting was the revision and follow-up of the draft aquatic diagnostic manual, discussion on a draft Commission Decision implementing Directive 2006/88/EC as regards requirements for surveillance and diagnostic methods. During the meeting technical and scientific elements of the planned diagnostic manual have been discussed in great detail. Participants went through the whole draft paragraph by paragraph and the experts gave their inputs on what is feasible and what needs to be adapted and how, also in light of international standards and latest scientific developments.

The draft was subsequently presented at SCoFCAH<sup>1</sup> and it is subject to internal preparatory process for decision-making with the view to be voted in the July 2014 meeting of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health.

<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfcah/animal\\_health/docs/ag\\_20140206-07\\_ahw\\_add1\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfcah/animal_health/docs/ag_20140206-07_ahw_add1_en.pdf)