

**Minutes of the meeting of the Expert group to discuss the delegated act
amending Annex II of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 as
regards the list of transmissible animal diseases
12 March 2018, Brussels**

1. Approval of the agenda

A preliminary agenda was circulated prior to the meeting and agreed at the beginning.

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting was non-public. The Member States' and EEA countries representatives from the competent veterinary authorities were participating in the meeting. The Chair noted the presence of the European Parliament and the absence of the Council.

3. List of points discussed

A. Introduction

The Commission explained that the purpose of the meeting was to agree on the list of animal diseases which require Union intervention. The Commission thanked Member States for their written inputs received so far. For aquatic animal diseases as they were not discussed in depth in previous meetings, the Commission asked Member States for their feedback, by 23 March 2018.

B. Presentation of the draft delegated act amending annex II of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 as regards the list of transmissible animal diseases

The Commission presented the draft working document amending the list of diseases set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law').

The Commission explained briefly the structure and main content of the draft working document and requested experts from Member States to express their position on the diseases proposed to be listed. The Commission noted that the list handed over only contained the diseases that were already supported to be listed in accordance with the outcomes of the technical discussions expressed at the previous expert group meetings.

C. Exchange of views with Member States

For terrestrial diseases, experts from Member States confirmed their general support to list for Union intervention: infection with rinderpest virus, infection with Rift Valley fever virus, infection with *Brucella abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis*, infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (*M. bovis*, *M. caprae* and *M. tuberculosis*), infection with rabies virus, infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24), infection with epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus, infestation with *Echinococcus multilocularis*, anthrax, Surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*), Ebola virus disease, Japanese encephalitis, West Nile fever, Q fever, infection with lumpy skin disease virus, infection with *Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides* SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis, bovine viral diarrhoea, bovine genital campylobacteriosis, trichomonosis, enzootic bovine leucosis, sheep pox and goat pox, infection with

peste des petits ruminants virus, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, ovine epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*), infection with *Burkholderia mallei* (Glanders), infection with equine arteritis virus, equine infectious anaemia, dourine, Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis, contagious equine metritis, equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western), infection with Aujeszky's disease virus, infection with Newcastle disease virus, avian mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *M. meleagridis*), infection with *Salmonella Pullorum*, *S. Gallinarum* and *S. arizonae*, infection with low pathogenic avian influenza viruses, avian chlamydiosis, infestation with *Aethina tumida* (Small hive beetle), American foulbrood, infestation with *Tropilaelaps spp.*, infection with *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*.

As regards aquatic diseases, the experts from Member States supported the following diseases to be listed: epizootic haematopoietic necrosis, Koi herpes virus disease, viral haemorrhagic septicaemia, infectious haematopoietic necrosis, infection with HPR deleted infectious salmon anaemia virus, infection with *Mikrocytos mackini*, infection with *Perkinsus marinus*, infection with *Bonamia ostreae*, infection with *Bonamia exitiosa*, infection with *Marteilia refringens*, infection with Taura syndrome virus, infection with yellow head virus and infection with white spot syndrome virus.

After a challenging debate and for the sake of compromise, experts from Member States also supported adding into the list paratuberculosis and infection with porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus subject to the following measures: for paratuberculosis only rules on reporting and notification shall be set and for infection with porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus only rules on reporting and notification and trade measures limited to semen collection centres. As for infestation with *Varroa spp.* (Varroosis) and as a compromise Member States agreed to list it subject to the establishment of measures aimed to preserve the currently existing free areas.

4. Conclusions/recommendations/opinions and next steps

The Commission obtained a favourable feedback and support for listing 58 transmissible animal diseases for Union intervention (in addition to those already listed in Article 5 of the AHL). The Commission informed that this was the last planned meeting of this expert group and thanked Member States experts for their input and constructive approach during all the meetings. The Commission informed on its intention to adopt the delegated act before summer 2018.