



Terms of Reference of the Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC)

AHAC meeting 28/10/2022

Agenda point 1.

Previous context of the Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC)

- Announced by the Animal Health Strategy in 2008
- A collaborative approach
- Plenary group: Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health (AGFC)
 - Sub-group: Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC)
- AHAC membership: AGFC members + other stakeholders with stake or expertise + Trio Presidency
- Focus on:
 - First: on various deliverables of the AHS
 - Then: on Animal Health Law and delegated acts
 - Topical and timely issues of interest

New context and membership

- New plenary group: Advisory group on sustainability of food systems (AGSFS)
- https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/expert-groups/advisory-groups-action-platforms/advisory-group-agsfs_en
 - Sub-group: Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC)
 - https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-health/animal-health-advisory-committee_en
- Our aim: to maintain continuity across a change in the plenary group
- Membership: same as the plenary group
- Trio Presidency receives special invitation

Some key procedural elements

- Membership: 100 members, organisations across the food chain, same nomination, acceptance and resignation as for the plenary AGSFS
- Many other elements are also the same:
 - Chair: DG SANTE
 - Operation (premises, minutes etc.)
 - Invitation of experts *ad hoc*
 - Rules of procedure
 - Professional secrecy and handling of classified information
 - Transparency
 - Meeting expenses
 - Duration of mandate

Potential key topics

- Focus is on animal health: transmissible animal diseases
- Animal health situations, disease outbreaks
- Policy and legislative developments
- EFSA opinions, research
- Impact assessments, EU positions, studies
- Stakeholders' own initiatives
- Wide range of planned, discussed or finalised initiatives
- In addition:
 - Animal welfare topics may feature on our agendas (in addition to other AW fora)

Your tasks might include

- To assist in preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives
- To assist in preparation of delegated acts
- To assist in early preparation of implementing acts
- To participate in cooperation/coordination for implementation
 - EU rules, policies, programmes,
- To assist in pursuing good compliance by stakeholders
- To exchange of experience and best practices

Your contribution

- On any relevant aspect
- Advise on best means of delivering agreed outcomes
- Advise on compliance by stakeholders with EU AH rules
- Strategic guidance on appropriate level of protection
- Priorities for action and communication

Summary

- Focus is on animal health
- Thematic animal health continuity bridging an administrative change
- Some new elements but „business is as usual”
- Your contribution is valuable and appreciated
- Questions, comments?