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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by Member States.

No item raised.

A.02 Fitness Check of the EU Animal Welfare Legislation.

The Commission presented the fitness check process and its main findings. The Commission explained that the result – which confirms the need to update and modernise the legislation, and provides a detailed basis for this revision – will feed into the Commission’s ongoing impact assessment of future policy options. One Member State expressed its support for the initiative.

A.03 Information from Member States on African swine fever.

Italy, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria provided an update on the ASF epidemiological situation in their territories, and on the control measures implemented to prevent, control and eradicate this disease.

A.04 Report on EU Veterinary Emergency Team established by Commission Decision 2007/142/EC.

The Commission summarised the activities of the EU Veterinary Emergency Team for 2022 and invited Member States to review the current list of experts to ensure optimal operability of this tool. Request of changes to the list of experts should be submitted to the Commission.

A.05 Information from Spain on sheep pox and goat pox.

Spain presented an update of the epidemiological situation of Sheep pox in their country. In total 17 outbreaks have been confirmed to date, since mid-September, all concentrated around 2 epicentres, one in the province of Castilla – La Mancha (centre of Spain) and the other in the Province of Granada (South).

The Commission presented the latest decision on the safeguard measures for this incident as well a short outline of an EUVET mission (17-18 October 2022) aiming to provide technical assistance to ES for the same disease. A detailed presentation on the outcome of this mission is due for a forthcoming PAFF meeting.

A.06 Update by the Commission on ADIS Union notifications and Union reporting.

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 as soon as possible. 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 field as it is part of the notification legal requirements. The Commission also informed on the timetable to update SANTE public webpages displaying information contained into ADIS. Finally, the Commission reported on the upcoming ADIS training and feedback session to be organised jointly with WOAH.

A.07 Information from Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands presented the updated epidemiological situation regarding HPAI and the measures taken to prevent, control and eradicate the disease in poultry or captive birds.

A.08 Information from HaDEA on the outcome of the reallocation procedure for the veterinary eradication, control and surveillance programmes submitted by Member States and Third countries for Union financial contribution for 2022.

HADEA has presented the outcome of reallocation exercise of the EU budget granted for the veterinary programs for 2022 activities. All requests submitted by the Member States have been accepted, with the exception of the few budget increase requests received for bovine tuberculosis, for which the initial allocations were kept due to the budget phasing-out process applied for this disease.

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.

The proposed Implementing Regulation intends to revise ASF regionalisation for Germany, Italy and Poland following an evolution of the ASF epidemiological situation in those countries.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation designating the European Union reference laboratory for Rift valley fever.

This point was withdrawn from the agenda as no need to vote according to OCR.

B.04 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.

The EU zoning for HPAI included in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 has been amended to take account of the new outbreaks confirmed by certain Member States in poultry or captive birds.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 3046 and Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 724 as regards the implementation of actions under the Single Market Programme.

Summary on Points B.05 - B.07:

The Commission presented the budget state of play of the food chain strand of the Single Market Programme and proposed a new alternative way forward, with a reduction of the co-financing rate by 60% but without retroactivity to 2021/2022.

Member States appreciated the work done by the Commission to listen to their concerns and in particular to take the retroactivity off the draft Implementing Decision.

One Member State, supported by several others, asked for a commitment from the Commission to start strategic discussions on the priorities to be financed in future. The Commission would look into the issue.

Vote Postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 3467 as regards the implementation of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses and phytosanitary programmes for plant pests under the Single Market Programme.

Please see summary under point B.05.

Vote Postponed

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards the implementation of actions under the Single Market Programme.

Please see summary under point B.05.

Vote Postponed

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

The Commission presented a revised draft following the comments of the Member States after the last Committee meeting. A new deadline for comments was given to Member States (4 November 2022).

M.01 Austria - pets - vaccination mandatory.

Austria informed that since 19 October 2022, the commercial and non-commercial movements to Austria of dogs, cats and ferrets, which are less than twelve weeks old and have not received an anti-rabies vaccination, or which are between twelve and sixteen weeks old and have received an anti-rabies vaccination, but do not yet meet the validity requirements for this vaccination, are no longer allowed.

M.02 Germany - Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (MTBC).

Germany presented details from an outbreak of MTBC in one establishment in their territory. Control measures have been taken in line with the legal obligations, and an epidemiological investigation is still ongoing.

M.03 Spain - covid in minks.

Spain reported on one case of covid detected in minks.