

# **LATVIAN PRESIDENCY: OUTCOME OF THE PRESIDENCY PROGRAM ON VETERINARY ISSUES**

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# Priorities of Latvian Presidency

- **Improvement and enhancement of competitiveness** of the EU's **agricultural** production and **food** sector in the EU and global market
- Sustainable **forest** management model based on EU Member state's experience
- Sustainable management of **fisheries** resources – multiannual fisheries management plans

## Legislative proposals (1)

### Animal Health Law (AHL)

- The Council and the European Parliament (EP) has **reached a provisional political agreement on June 1** (2015) in 5 trilogues and 14 technical meetings
- COREPER I confirmed agreement of the final compromise text on June 10
- The EP had a vote in COM AGRI on June 17
- AHL will be formally adopted in the autumn
- AHL (and related delegated and implementing legislative acts) will become applicable after 5 years of its entry into force

## Legislative proposals (2)

### Official Controls Regulation

#### State of play

- Aim - to prepare the Council's position and the mandate for negotiations with European Parliament
- So far the Presidency's suggestions of the compromise text has been examined at 4 (8,5 days) joint expert (veterinary/phytosanitary) working group meetings and 6 attaché meetings

## Legislative proposals (3)

### Regulation on Organic farming

- Aim – to reach general approach at June AGRIFISH Council meeting
- Intensive work at expert working group meetings, SCA meetings, AGRIFISH Council meetings

## Legislative proposals (4)

### Novel Food Regulation

- Presidency actively continued the negotiation process with the European Parliament
- 2 informal trilogues during Latvian Presidency
- Provisional agreement reached on principal issues - «cloning», nanomaterials, precautionary principle, except delegated acts
- The final Council's offer is a subject for consideration to the European Parliament

## Legislative proposals (5)

### Regulation on Veterinary Medicinal Products

#### State of play

- Technical examination of the Commission's proposal in Council expert working group
- 5 expert working group meetings

## Legislative proposals (6)

### Regulation on Medicated Feed

#### State of play

- Finalization of technical examination of the Commission's proposal
- Preparation of compromise text and examination of the Presidency's suggestions
- 3 expert working group meetings



## Legislative proposals (7)

### Regulation on Zootechnical and Genealogical Conditions

#### State of play

- 4 expert working group meetings
- Preparation of compromise text and examination of the Presidency's suggestions

# AGRIFISH COUNCIL (1)

**26.01.2015**

- **Trade relations with Russia**, including effects of the import ban (proposed by PL delegation)

**16.03.2015**

- **Animal Welfare** - Angora wool and fur maltreated rabbits and furred animals) (proposed by NL delegation)

**11.05.2015**

- **World Bee Day** - pollinators role in agriculture (proposed by SI delegation)

## AGRIFISH COUNCIL (2)

**11.05.2015**

- **Pig welfare** (proposed by DK delegation, supported by SE, NL and DE delegation)

**16.06.2015**

- **Russian ban on fishery products** (proposed by EE delegation)
- Reports from the Commission to the EP and the Council regarding **mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance**
- **Animal Health Law**

## **Non - Legislative events (1)**

### **Biosecurity- fundament for animal health**

#### **Workshop organized in Rīga in co-operation with the Commission**

- Organized in the context of AHL which introduces the principle of biosecurity as one of the key tools for the prevention
- Participants: experts from the EU Member States and candidate countries and the third countries bordering with the EU

## Non - Legislative events (2)

### **Biosecurity- fundament for animal health**

- Biosecurity is a "mindset" or "philosophy" that must be developed by producers
- It requires the adoption of a set of attitudes and behaviours by people to reduce risk in all activities.
- There is no "one fits all" solution – biosecurity should be adapted to present risks

# Non - Legislative events (1)

## Biosecurity- fundament for animal health

### Conclusions

- Good biosecurity is a vital part of keeping new diseases away from animals
- A good biosecurity is always essential- diseases may not always be apparent, especially in the early stages.
- A good biosecurity is based on a partnership involving livestock producers, veterinarians and official authorities.



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**Thank you for your attention!**