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<b>SUMMARY REPORT</b>
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**A.01 General information by Member States.**

No item raised.

**A.02 Outcome of the evaluation procedure of the eradication, control and surveillance programmes submitted by Member States for Union financial contribution for 2020.**

The final list of programmes approved for EU co-financing for 2020 and associated funding were presented to the Member States, as per Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014.

The updated version of SANTE/12728/2019 was presented, mainly including updated unit costs for some Member States.

Member States asked some questions, mainly concerning eligible measures for ASF programmes (active surveillance), and the Commission replied respectively.

**A.03 EFSA opinions on the welfare of poultry: slaughter and killing for purposes other than slaughter.**

EFSA presented the mandate received from the Commission and the results, conclusions and key recommendations related to the slaughter and on-farm killing of poultry. The Commission thanked EFSA for the excellent work and invited Member States to carefully read and consider these new EFSA opinions with a view to address remaining challenging issues with some methods like for example the waterbath stunning.

**A.04 Declaration from Italy in relation to freedom from KHV in the independent compartment "Monticolo" in the autonomous province of Bolzano.**

The declaration complies with the format and data requirements of the EU Decision 2009/177/EC and is published on the relevant EU Commission website: [https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live\\_animals/aquaculture/declarations\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live_animals/aquaculture/declarations_en) with link to the relevant website of Italian authorities:

[http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2\\_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=1845&area=sanita Animale&menu=acqua](http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/temi/p2_6.jsp?lingua=italiano&id=1845&area=sanita_Animale&menu=acqua).

**A.05 Information from Estonia concerning an eradication and surveillance program as regards Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and Infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) covering more than 75% of the Member State.**

The representative from Estonia gave a presentation of the program. There were no questions or comments from Member States related to the program. The Commission will start the formal procedure and the program will be handled in compliance with the Committee procedure stated in Article 62 of Dir(EC) 2006/88/EC. Presumably, the program will be on the agenda for the PAFF meeting in March or April 2020.

**A.06 Information on African swine fever in Member States.**

An update on the ASF situation was provided by Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Belgium. The measures taken were presented.

A presentation was made by Greece, which is free from ASF, on their preparedness measures towards ASF. It highlighted the passive surveillance in pigs and in wild boar already taking place and the awareness campaigns carried out.

**A.07 Information from Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in poultry.**

Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania presented the situation with highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in poultry.

**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 Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.**

The Commission representative presented briefly the H5N8 HPAI situation developed in the EU after its occurrence first in PL and after that confirmed also in Slovakia, Hungary and Romania. Member States were also informed about the first conclusions of the EURL for avian influenza regarding the origin of the virus that is circulating now in the affected Member States. The Commission representative also reminded Member States about the responsibilities given by Commission Implementing Decision 2018/1136, on risk mitigation and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems within the high risk period for HPAI.

The Commission afterwards presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision that establish the regionalization and its duration for the affected Member States. No questions were raised by the Member States.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Poland.**

The Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision updating ASF regionalization to address the latest changes in the ASF epidemiological situation. No questions were raised by the Member States.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the approval of germinal product establishments, traceability and animal health requirements for movements within the Union of germinal products of certain kept terrestrial animals.**

The proposed Regulation will establish rules for the uniform implementation of the requirements set out in Regulation (EU) 2016/429 in relation to the provision of information by operators in their application for approval of their germinal product establishments for bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine animals and the time-limits for providing that information, to the technical requirements and specifications for marking of germinal products and operational requirements for their traceability, and to the provision of information by operators on movements of consignments of germinal products and notification of those movements.

Member States were requested to provide their comments to the presented document by 31 January 2020. During the next Standing Committee on PAFF the Commission will present the revised version of the document based on the comments from Member States and those obtained during intra-SANTE and inter-service consultations.

In addition, two Member States notified about poor quality of translated language versions of draft Delegated Regulations supplementing Animal Health Law submitted to the Council at the end of December 2019.

Member States wish to have a compendium containing all provisions, in this particular case concerning germinal products, which would help them to understand all upcoming legislation under Animal Health Law.

**M.01 IHN outbreak in Germany.**

The representative from Germany gave a presentation on an outbreak of IHN in the zone “Große Lauter”.

**M.02 Outbreak of Aujeszky’s disease in France.**

France informed about an outbreak of Aujeszky’s disease in the Haute Garonne region, the results of the epidemiological investigations and the measures taken to follow up the outbreak.

### **M.03 TRACES NT.**

The Commission distributed the info note of 15 January 2020 addressed to the Chief Veterinary Officers and the Chief Plant Health Officers informing them of the closure of the access to the CED module in TRACES Classic (for consignments of food and feed of non-animal origin) over the night of January 27-28, 2020. The note also informed that it is envisaged to close the access to the CVED-P (animal products) and CVED-A (animals) modules in TRACES Classic by the end of February 2020 and that the exact date will be provided sufficiently in advance.