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Outcome of the evaluation procedure of the eradication, control and surveillance programmes submitted by Member States for Union financial contribution for 2020: list of the programmes technically approved and amount allocated to each programme.

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#### **General information**

Union financial contribution for eradication, control and surveillance programmes (veterinary programmes) can be granted based on provisions of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014<sup>1</sup> which entered into force on 30 June 2014. The list of eligible animal diseases and zoonoses is laid down in Annex II of that Regulation.

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 foresees that the Commission shall adopt an annual or multi-annual work programme the year preceding the beginning of its execution. The multiannual work programme for the implementation of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 was adopted on 2 May 2017<sup>2</sup>.

In this work programme, the diseases that may be co-funded in priority for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 have been identified and divided into four priority groups:

- group 1 and 2: diseases to which the greatest weight is given, of either animal health, trade or public health importance, such as avian influenza (AI) in poultry and wild birds, classical (CSF) and African swine fever (ASF) and the following zoonosis: bovine, ovine and caprine brucellosis, zoonotic *Salmonella* in certain poultry populations, rabies, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (BSE, scrapie, chronic wasting disease),
- group 3: diseases which have been or are likely at risk to be introduced into the Union territory from third countries, such as lumpy skin disease, peste des petits ruminants, sheep and goat pox,
- group 4: diseases with limited impact on animal health and/or human health (such as bovine tuberculosis, bluetongue and aquaculture diseases).

In order to ensure the financial support by the Union to the implementation by the Member States' competent authorities of the veterinary programmes, a financing Decision for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 was adopted on 31 May 2017<sup>3</sup>.

The budget for the cofinancing of the 2020 veterinary programmes was calculated based on the programmes submitted by the MSs, and after adjustements made by the Commission in order to avoid overestimation of budget allocation. The 2020 initial allocation is **EUR 116,461,000**.

This document aims to provide the Member States with the list of the veterinary programmes technically approved and selected for Union financial contribution for 2020 and the amount allocated to each programme.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 189, 27.06.2014, p.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission implementing Decision of 2.5.2017 on the adoption of the multiannual work programme for 2018, 2019 and 2020 for the implementation of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses (C(2017) 2841 final). <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff">https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff</a> animal vet-progs 32017d2841-ann.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Decision of 31.5.2017 on the adoption of the financing decision for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 for the implementation of veterinary programmes for animal diseases and zoonoses (C(2017) 3524 final). https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff\_animal\_vet-progs\_fin-dec-2018-2020\_diseases\_3524-2017.pdf

The technical approval of the programmes is done by the Commission with the help of national experts specialised in each concerned disease. Emphasis is put at this occasion on the compliance with EU requirements. As a matter of principle, programmes shall describe what will be actually implemented on the spot during the implementing period.

In order to ensure the best use of the allocated budget, MSs shall take all necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of their approved programmes.

It is also important that MSs provide acurate intermediate reports which should allow the Commission to reallocate thet budget as appropriate.

Based on provisions of Article 13 of the Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 this working document contains:

- the list of national programmes technically approved and proposed for co-financing,
- the provisional amount allocated to each programme,
- the provisional maximum level of the Union financial contribution for each programme and
- any provisional conditions to which the Union financial contribution may be subject.

Unit costs<sup>4</sup>, maximum limits and cofinancing rates are described per disease in Annex I of working document SANTE/2017/10186 rev 3 ("Guidelines for the Union co-funded programmes of eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses for the years 2018-2020 – updates for 2019 and 2020")<sup>5</sup>.

### A. List of eligible programmes

The programmes in the following tables are eligible for 2020 on the financial point of view. 2020 annual programmes were approved on the technical point of view following the procedure which started on 31 May 2019 and involving national experts.

Multiannual programmes starting before 2020 were approved on the technical point of view following the procedure which took place the year before their first year of implementation.

The technical approval of the programmes starts on 1 January of the first year until the 31 December of the last year of the period indicated in the following table:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Their use under the annual and multiannual programmes for the eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses is authorised by Commission Decision C(2018) 2315 final of 23.4.2018. https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff\_animal\_vet-progs\_com-decision\_20180423\_unit-costs.pdf <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff\_animal\_vet-progs\_com-decision\_20180423\_unit-costs\_annex.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff\_animal\_vet-progs\_com-decision\_20180423\_unit-costs\_annex.pdf</a>

 $<sup>^{5}\</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff\_animal\_vet-progs\_guidance\_progs\_erad\_2019-2020.pdf$ 

| MS | African Swine<br>Fever | Avian Influenza | Bluetongue  | Bovine<br>Brucellosis | Bovine<br>Tuberculosis | Classical Swine<br>Fever | Lumpy Skin<br>Disease | Rabies      | Sheep And Goat<br>Brucellosis | Transmissible<br>Spongiform<br>Encephalopathies |
|----|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---|
| AT | 2020                   | 2020            | 2020        |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2020  |
| BE | 2020                   | 2020            | 2015 - 2020 |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2015 - 2020                                     |
| BG | 2020                   | 2019 - 2020     | 2019 - 2020 |                       |                        | 2019 - 2020              | 2019 - 2020           | 2019 - 2020 |                               | 2020  |
| CY |                        | 2020            |             |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2020  |
| CZ | 2019 - 2020            | 2020            |             |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2018 - 2020                                     |
| DE | 2018 - 2020            | 2018 - 2020     | 2018 - 2020 |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2018 - 2020                                     |
| DK |                        |                 |             |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               |   |
| EE | 2020                   |                 |             |                       |                        |                          |                       | 2018 - 2020 |                               | 2018 - 2020                                     |
| EL | 2020                   | 2020            | 2020        |                       |                        |                          | 2020                  | 2018 - 2020 | 2020*                         | 2020  |
| ES |                        | 2020            | 2020        | 2020                  | 2020                   |                          |                       |             | 2019 - 2020                   | 2020  |
| FI | 2020                   | 2018 - 2020     |             |                       |                        |                          |                       | 2020        |                               | 2020  |
| FR | 2020                   | 2018 - 2020     | 2018 - 2020 |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| HR | 2020                   | 2020            | 2020        |                       |                        | 2020                     | 2020                  | 2020        | 2020                          | 2020  |
| HU | 2020                   | 2018 - 2020     | 2019 - 2020 |                       |                        | 2020 - 2020              |                       | 2020        |                               | 2018 - 2020                                     |
| IE |                        | 2020            |             |                       | 2020                   |                          |                       |             |                               | 2020  |
| IT | 2020                   | 2020            | 2020        | 2020                  | 2020                   |                          |                       |             | 2020                          | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| LT | 2020                   | 2018 - 2020     |             |                       |                        |                          |                       | 2018 - 2020 |                               | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| LU |                        | 2018 - 2020     |             |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2020  |
| LV | 2018 - 2020            | 2019 - 2020     |             |                       |                        | 2019 - 2020              |                       | 2020        |                               | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| MT |                        |                 |             |                       | 2020                   |                          |                       |             |                               |   |
| NL |                        | 2020            |             |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| PL | 2020                   | 2020            | 2020        |                       |                        | 2018 - 2020              |                       | 2019 - 2020 |                               | 2018 - 2020                                     |
| PT |                        | 2018 - 2020     | 2020        | 2020                  | 2020                   |                          |                       |             | 2020                          | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| RO | 2020                   | 2018 - 2020     | 2018 - 2020 |                       |                        | 2020                     |                       | 2018 - 2020 |                               | 2020  |
| SE | 2020                   | 2019 - 2020     |             |                       |                        |                          |                       |             |                               | 2020  |
| SI | 2020                   | 2018 - 2020     | 2018 - 2020 |                       |                        |                          |                       | 2020        |                               | 2019 - 2020                                     |
| SK | 2020                   | 2020            | 2020        |                       |                        | 2020                     |                       | 2020        |                               | 2020  |
| UK |                        | 2020            |             |                       | 2020                   |                          |                       |             |                               | 2019 - 2020                                     |

<sup>\*</sup>for Greece, the programme for sheep and goat brucellosis is only accepted for the vaccination part.

|    | Salmonella programmes            |                                   |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| MS | Breeding flocks of Gallus gallus | Laying flocks<br>of Gallus gallus | Broiler flocks of<br>Gallus gallus | Breeding flocks<br>of Turkeys | Fattening<br>flocks of<br>Turkeys |  |  |
| AT | 2017 - 2020                      | 2020                              | 2020                               |                               | 2020                              |  |  |
| BE | 2020                             | 2020                              |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| BG | 2019 - 2020                      | 2019 - 2020                       | 2019 - 2020                        | 2019 - 2020                   | 2019 - 2020                       |  |  |
| CY | 2020                             | 2020                              |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| CZ | 2018 - 2020                      | 2017 - 2020                       | 2017 - 2020                        |                               | 2017 - 2020                       |  |  |
| DE | [2020]                           | [2020]                            | [2020]                             | [2020]                        | [2020]                            |  |  |
| DK | 2020                             |                                   |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| EE |                                  |                                   |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| EL | 2019 - 2020                      | 2019 - 2020                       | 2019 - 2020                        |                               | 2019 - 2020                       |  |  |
| ES | 2020                             | 2020                              | 2020                               | 2020                          | 2020                              |  |  |
| FI |                                  |                                   |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| FR | 2020                             | 2020                              | 2018 - 2020                        | 2020                          | 2018 - 2020                       |  |  |
| HR | 2020                             | 2020                              | 2020                               | 2020                          | 2020                              |  |  |
| HU | 2018 - 2020                      | 2018 - 2020                       | 2018 - 2020                        | 2018 - 2020                   | 2018 - 2020                       |  |  |
| ΙE | 2020                             | 2020                              | 2020                               | 2020                          | 2020                              |  |  |
| IT | 2019 - 2020                      | 2019 - 2020                       | 2019 - 2020                        | 2019 - 2020                   | 2019 - 2020                       |  |  |
| LT |                                  | 2018 - 2020                       |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| LU |                                  | 2020                              |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| LV | 2020                             | 2020                              |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| MT |                                  | 2018 - 2020                       | 2018 - 2020                        |                               |                                   |  |  |
| NL | [2020]                           | [2020]                            | [2020]                             |                               | [2020]                            |  |  |
| PL | 2020                             | 2019 - 2020                       | 2020                               | 2020                          | 2019 - 2020                       |  |  |
| PT | 2018 - 2020                      | 2018 - 2020                       | 2018 - 2020                        |                               | 2018 - 2020                       |  |  |
| RO | 2018 - 2020                      | 2018 - 2020                       | 2018 - 2020                        |                               | 2018 - 2020                       |  |  |
| SE |                                  |                                   |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| SI | 2018 - 2020                      | 2018 - 2020                       |                                    |                               |                                   |  |  |
| SK | 2020                             | 2020                              |                                    | 2020                          | 2020                              |  |  |
| UK | 2019 - 2020                      |                                   |                                    | 2020                          |                                   |  |  |

#### NB:

- The boxes filled in grey concern the programmes which are not approved;
- The boxes into brackets concern programmes which could be still be accepted before 31/1/2020, provided certain guarantees are provided;
- As the current legal frame (Regulation (EU) No 652/2014) will be replaced by the Single Market Programme Regulation from 2021 on, the programmes are approved until 2020.

#### B. Financial contribution by the Union for the eligible programmes

Please refer to Annexes I and II of the working document SANTE/2017/10186 rev 3 – Guidelines for the Union co-funded programmes of eradication, control and surveillance of animal diseases and zoonoses for the years 2018-2020 - updates for 2019 and 2020.

A specific letter was sent on 10/01/2020 to the contact persons responsible for ASF veterinary programmes, about the co-financing of measures against African swine fever in veterinary programmes for 2020 (Ares(2020)146549) (see Annex III).

### C. Union financial contribution for 2020

1. Union financial contribution per disease and per Member State

The financial contribution by the Union, per disease and per Member State, shall not exceed the amounts indicated in the table below:

# Initial allocation 2020

| MS    | African<br>Swine Fever | Avian<br>Influenza | Bluetongue | Bovine<br>Brucellosis | Bovine<br>Tuberculosis | Classical<br>Swine Fever | Lumpy Skin<br>Disease | Rabies     | Salmonella | Sheep And<br>Goat<br>Brucellosis | Transmissible<br>Spongiform<br>Encephalopathies | Total       |     |       |
|-------|------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-----|-------|
| AT    | 193.000                | 22.000             | 26.000     |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 1.273.000  |                                  | 129.000   | 1.643.000   | 5   | 1,4%  |
| BE    | 443.000                | 39.000             | 69.000     |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 1.273.000  |                                  | 155.000   | 1.979.000   | 5   | 1,7%  |
| BG    | 1.506.000              | 18.000             | 1.308.000  |                       |                        | 103.000                  | 919.000               | 1.901.000  | 315.000    |                                  | 163.000   | 6.233.000   | 8   | 5,4%  |
| CY    |                        | 10.000             |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 133.000    |                                  | 257.000   | 400.000     | 3   | 0,3%  |
| CZ    | 89.000                 | 15.000             |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 1.225.000  |                                  | 282.000   | 1.611.000   | 4   | 1,4%  |
| DE    | 1.302.000              | 210.000            | 128.000    |                       |                        |                          |                       |            |            |                                  | 473.000   | 2.113.000   | 4   | 1,8%  |
| DK    |                        |                    |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 162.000    |                                  |   | 162.000     | 1   | 0,1%  |
| EE    | 203.000                |                    |            |                       |                        |                          |                       | 452.000    |            |                                  | 41.000  | 696.000     | 3   | 0,6%  |
| EL    | 108.000                | 13.000             | 40.000     |                       |                        |                          | 954.000               | 2.399.000  | 1.071.000  | 105.000                          | 675.000   | 5.365.000   | 8   | 4,6%  |
| ES    |                        | 73.000             | 2.468.000  | 685.000               | 10.450.000             |                          |                       |            | 1.269.000  | 315.000                          | 1.253.000                                       | 16.513.000  | 7   | 14,2% |
| FI    | 158.000                | 9.000              |            |                       |                        |                          |                       | 150.000    |            |                                  | 34.000  | 351.000     | 4   | 0,3%  |
| FR    | 293.000                | 268.000            | 163.000    |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 1.809.000  |                                  | 2.031.000                                       | 4.564.000   | 5   | 3,9%  |
| HR    | 211.000                | 48.000             | 37.000     |                       |                        | 180.000                  | 27.000                | 1.702.000  | 552.000    | 734.000                          | 21.000  | 3.512.000   | 9   | 3,0%  |
| HU    | 612.000                | 45.000             | 13.000     |                       |                        | 49.000                   |                       | 3.180.000  | 3.516.000  |                                  | 382.000   | 7.797.000   | 7   | 6,7%  |
| IE    |                        | 38.000             |            |                       | 5.420.000              |                          |                       |            | 307.000    |                                  | 354.000   | 6.119.000   | 4   | 5,3%  |
| IT    | 761.000                | 295.000            | 284.000    | 4.469.000             | 2.307.000              |                          |                       |            | 1.023.000  | 3.499.000                        | 1.960.000                                       | 14.598.000  | 8   | 12,5% |
| LT    | 529.000                | 4.000              |            |                       |                        |                          |                       | 1.953.000  | 91.000     |                                  | 11.000  | 2.588.000   | 5   | 2,2%  |
| LU    |                        | 8.000              |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            | 14.000     |                                  | 32.000  | 54.000      | 3   | 0,0%  |
| LV    | 250.000                | 4.000              |            |                       |                        | 39.000                   |                       | 1.162.000  | 319.000    |                                  | 16.000  | 1.790.000   | 6   | 1,5%  |
| MT    |                        |                    |            |                       | 148.000                |                          |                       |            | 1.000      |                                  |   | 149.000     | 2   | 0,1%  |
| NL    |                        | 304.000            |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            |            |                                  | 621.000   | 925.000     | 2   | 0,8%  |
| PL    | 3.249.000              | 61.000             | 5.000      |                       |                        | 58.000                   |                       | 5.623.000  | 1.212.000  |                                  | 84.000  | 10.292.000  | 7   | 8,8%  |
| PT    |                        | 25.000             | 329.000    | 2.957.000             | 1.149.000              |                          |                       |            | 30.000     | 4.328.000                        | 372.000   | 9.190.000   | 7   | 7,9%  |
| RO    | 866.000                | 110.000            | 14.000     |                       |                        | 268.000                  |                       | 7.536.000  | 520.000    |                                  | 1.350.000                                       | 10.664.000  | 7   | 9,2%  |
| SE    | 42.000                 | 20.000             |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            |            |                                  | 44.000  | 106.000     | 3   | 0,1%  |
| SI    | 45.000                 | 30.000             | 361.000    |                       |                        |                          |                       | 98.000     | 80.000     |                                  | 47.000  | 661.000     | 6   | 0,6%  |
| SK    | 422.000                | 24.000             | 15.000     |                       |                        | 35.000                   |                       | 380.000    | 1.240.000  |                                  | 93.000  | 2.209.000   | 7   | 1,9%  |
| UK    |                        | 117.000            |            |                       | 3.001.000              |                          |                       |            | 120.000    |                                  | 939.000   |             | 4   | 3,6%  |
| Total | 11.282.000             |                    | 5.260.000  | 8.111.000             |                        | 732.000                  | 1.900.000             | 26.536.000 |            | 8.981.000                        |   | 116.461.000 |     | -,    |
|       |                        |                    |            |                       |                        |                          |                       |            |            |                                  | 21112   |             |     |       |
|       | 19                     | 25                 | 15         | 3                     | 6                      | 7                        | 3                     | 12         | 23         | 5                                | 26  |             | 144 |       |
|       |                        |                    |            |                       |                        | · ·                      | <u> </u>              |            |            |                                  |   |             |     |       |
|       | 9,7%                   | 1,6%               | 4,5%       | 7,0%                  | 19,3%                  | 0,6%                     | 1,6%                  | 22,8%      | 15,1%      | 7,7%                             | 10,1%   |             |     |       |

# 2. Union financial contribution per rabies programmes in third countries

The financial contribution by the Union, per rabies programmes implemented in third countries, shall not exceed the amounts indicated in the table below:

| Member State | Non EU country in which the subprogramme is implemented | Maximum amount to be spent in the non EU country (in EUR) |
|--------------|---|---|
| Estonia      | Russia  | 113.000   |
| Finland      | Russia  | 24.000  |
| Hungary      | Ukraine   | 485.000   |
| Lithuania    | Belarus   | 1.568.000   |
| Latvia       | Belarus   | 516.000   |
| Poland       | Belarus   | 574.000   |
| Poland       | Ukraine   | 1.827.000   |
| Romania      | Ukraine   | 1.078.000   |
| Romania      | Moldova   | 692.000   |
|              |   | 6.877.000   |

| Non EU country in which the | Maximum amount to be spent in the non |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| subprogramme is implemented | EU country (in EUR)                   |
| Belarus                     | 2.658.000                             |
| Moldova                     | 692.000                               |
| Russia                      | 137.000                               |
| Ukraine                     | 3.390.000                             |
|                             | 6.877.000                             |

# **ANNEX I: Eligible costs**

Please refer to the document SANTE/12250/2015 Rev4 of September 2016 "Guidelines for Member States for EU funding of veterinary programmes" available on the DG SANTE website<sup>6</sup>.

# **ANNEX II: Co-financing rates for 2020**<sup>7</sup>

Co-financing rates apply to the eligible measures as described in part B of this document. They are in general set at 50%. Exceptions are described in the table below.

| Disease                     | Exceptions   |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| African Swine Fever         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Avian Influenza             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bovine Brucellosis          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Classical Swine Fever       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheep and Goat Brucellosis  | The rate has been increased to 75% for Member States with a GNI per inhabitant below 90% of the Union average* |  |  |  |  |
| Salmonella infection in     |  |  |  |  |  |
| certain poultry populations |  |  |  |  |  |
| TSE                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumpy skin disease          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peste des Petits Ruminants  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sheep and goat pox          |  |  |  |  |  |
|                             | Co-financing rate is set at 35%.   |  |  |  |  |
| Bovine Tuberculosis         | The rate has been increased to 55% for Member States with a  |  |  |  |  |
|                             | GNI per inhabitant below 90% of the Union average*.  |  |  |  |  |
|                             | The rate has been increased to 75% for Member States with a  |  |  |  |  |
| Rabies                      | GNI per inhabitant below 90% of the Union average*.  |  |  |  |  |
| ixaoics                     | Rate has been increased to 100% for vaccination and testing  |  |  |  |  |
|                             | scheme in neighbouring third countries.  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>At present this list includes Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/cff\_animal\_vet-progs\_ms\_guidelines\_rev4.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Co-finaning rates are determined on an annual basis.

#### **ANNEX III: ASF programmes eligible measures**

Specific letter sent on 10/01/2020 to the contact persons responsible for ASF veterinary programmes, about the co-financing of measures against African swine fever in veterinary programmes for 2020



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To Member States (contact persons responsible for ASF veterinary programmes)

Subject:

Co-financing of measures against African swine fever in veterinary programmes for 2020

Dear Madam, dear Sir

Following the presentation of the document SANTE/12728/2019 and the discussion at the PAFF meeting on 21 November 2019, we would like to inform you about certain (non-exhaustive) criteria that were considered for the draft initial allocation of the 2020 veterinary programmes for African swine fever (ASF).

These criteria are based on the current technical<sup>1</sup> and financial guidelines<sup>2</sup> setting the priorities for EU co-financing, and on projections regarding budget availability, taking into account the increasing requests for co-financing of actions against ASF. The criteria take into account also the Strategic approach to the management of African Swine Fever for the EU<sup>3</sup>.

Please note that active surveillance in wild boar (sampling and testing) will not be an eligible measure for EU co-financing in 2020. Our services provided extensive additional explanations at the PAFF meeting in November. The same will apply to selective hunting of wild boar.

In relation to the above, cold storage facilities where hunted animals are stored pending the results of laboratory analysis, will not be eligible for co-financing neither. Such facilities are not considered as a priority measure against ASF but rather as a public health-related measure.

One of the priority measures for EU co-financing is removal and safe disposal of found dead wild boar. This is enshrined in the guidelines as a possibility to co-finance the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Financial guidelines for Member States for EU funding of veterinary programmes

reimbursements paid for finding, sampling and removal/safe disposal of wild boar carcasses, as part of passive surveillance costs. Other costs related to finding/removal/safe disposal cannot be accepted as eligible.

Furthermore, we would like to inform that any pre-movement tests of domestic pigs, based on the provisions of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU<sup>4</sup> (i.e. for intra-EU movements or for exports), would not be eligible for EU co-financing as these tests are linked to market mechanisms.

The expenditures related to cases or outbreaks of ASF (e.g. costs of slaughtering/culling, including preventive slaughter, compensations to owners etc.) will be co-financed only through the emergency measures procedure referred to in article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 652/2014<sup>5</sup>.

Finally, please kindly note that although we accepted in the 2020 ASF programmes the submitted total number of units for laboratory tests, this will not cover the above-mentioned tests carried out under active surveillance in wild boar and pre-movement tests in domestic pigs. The number of units will be adjusted through reallocation exercise based on the intermediate reports for 2020 programmes.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely, [Ares signature]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU of 9 October 2014 concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States and repealing Implementing Decision 2014/178/EU

Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC