

Summary of meeting

Disease Categorisation Expert Group on Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD)

Friday 12th April 2013 10:00 – 13:00

DG SANCO Rue Belliard 232 2-17A

Attendees:

- Chair: Silvia Bellini, European Commission
- Disease experts designated by the following Member States or accession states:
 - Croatia
 - Czech Republic
 - Hungary
 - Italy
 - Netherlands
 - Romania
- European Commission representatives:
 - Helen Fasham
 - Barbara Logar
 - Martial Plantady

1. Introduction from the Commission

Commission representatives explained the context of disease categorisation and prioritisation within the EU Animal Health Strategy, and outlined the study that had been commissioned in conjunction with the OIE. The result of that study had been a disease categorisation and prioritisation tool which is designed to capture key information about diseases of terrestrial animals and, where possible, to quantify that information to aid in the categorisation and prioritisation process.

The Commission then gave a short guide to the tool and its structure. The aim of the meeting was to complete the tool's fields for Swine Vesicular Disease (SVD). The Commission had pre-filled many values, but the group could both challenge any of these values; and were asked to complete the values left blank.

2. Values in the tool filled in by experts with respect to SVD

The group progressed through the tool from start to finish, discussing pre-filled values where at least one group member wished to open the discussion, and completing blank values. The tool was filled in as far as possible through discussion and consensus.

General points included queries about how to complete the 'open questions' and their value; and how to consider the current control measures in place when thinking about the impact of the disease.

Specific questions or issues were raised on particular fields including:

- How to consider the susceptibility of wild boar;
- How to define 'a few months' when considering methods of transmission;
- Whether swill feeding is sufficiently covered in 'methods of transmission';
- How to define 'the public' when considering good biosecurity practice;
- Whether the trade of germinal products is sufficiently covered;

3. Conclusions

The Commission thanked the experts for their contribution and explained that all of their work, including the tool that they had filled in and the questions and comments they had raised on the tool

itself, would be used, together with the work of the seven other disease-specific expert groups, in a full assessment of the tool by the Commission.