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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 06 OCTOBER 2014 - 07 OCTOBER 2014  
(Section Animal Health & Welfare)**

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**A.01 Information on annual report from Ireland in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Decision 2010/221/EU as regards national measures granted in accordance with Article 43 of Directive 2006/88/EC**

The Commission informed the Committee about the annual report from Ireland regarding national measures granted in accordance with Article 43 of Directive 2006/88/EC. Ireland is currently listed in Annex I to Decision 2010/221 as being free of Spring viraemia in carp (SVC), bacterial kidney disease (BKD) and infections with *Gyrodactylus salaris* (GS). The report states that there has not been any change in the epidemiological status for these diseases during 2013.

**A.02 Information on a declaration from France concerning disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) for a compartment situated in the upper part of the watershed of the river Scarpe in the Department Pas de Calais of France**

The Commission informed the Committee about a declaration submitted by France regarding the diseases free status for IHN and VHS in a compartment in the upper part of the river Scarp. The compartment comprises four farms producing rainbow trout, brown trout and brook trout. The declaration is based on targeted surveillance for more than two years in addition to strict biosecurity systems within the farms. The declaration is submitted in accordance with Article 50 of Directive 2006/88/EC.

**A.03 Information on three declarations from Italy concerning disease free status for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) for farms/compartments producing rainbow trout in Italy**

The Commission informed the Committee about three declarations of disease free status for IHN and VHS submitted in accordance with Article 50 of Directive 2006/88/EC for the following farms/compartments in Italy:

- a. The farm "la Peschiera" in Velo d'Astico in the province of Vicenza, which is a farm breeding brown trout and marmoured trout for the purpose of restocking of fry into public waters and rivers. The declaration is based on four years of targeted surveillance without any detection of the specified diseases.
- b. The farm "Societa" Agricola Triticoltora Fratelli Leonardi in the autonomous province of Trento, which is a farm producing trout for human consumption. The declaration is based on four years targeted surveillance without any detection of the diseases of concern.
- c. The farm APS Ponte Nelle Alpi in the Belluno province of the Veneto region, which is a farm producing rainbow trout, brown trout and marmoured trout for human consumption and restocking purposes. The farm has been emptied, fallowed and disinfected in November 2009 and in addition been subject to four years of targeted surveillance. No detection of the specified disease was made.

Links to the declarations presented above under A.2 and A.3 can be found on the SANCO WEB page under the following link:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations_en.htm)

**A.04 Information from Italy and exchange of views on occurrence of Small Hive Beetle in Calabria**

Italy informed the Committee about the evolution of the situation in Calabria following the detection of the small hive beetle in that region. Italy also answered questions from the Member States. Several Member States mentioned that reinforced checks revealed bee consignments which were traded across borders without TRACES notifications and certificates. The Commission emphasised the importance to adhere to the EU rules, to control illegal routes and to raise awareness among stakeholders for risks of such non-compliances.

**A.05 African swine fever - Information from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland on the epidemiological situation, surveillance activities and control measures applied.**

Information was provided by Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland on the epidemiological situation, surveillance activities and control measures applied for African Swine Fever (ASF). The application of control measures, based on a sound and scientifically based strategy, together with their financial support were discussed

and it was acknowledged that the adoption of EU measures was a collective responsibility of this Committee.

**A.06 Information on the bluetongue situation by Bulgaria, Greece and Romania and control measures in place**

Information was provided on the bluetongue (BT) situation and control measures in place by Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Spain. Hungary informed on the setting up of national restriction zones within the 15 km radius of BT outbreaks that occurred in Romania. The Committee stressed the need to apply control measures in a timely manner, with specific reference to vaccination and enforcement of restricted zones.

The Commission indicated that specific technical support on BT through the Community Veterinary Emergency Team had been requested by some Member States and the missions were going to be carried out very soon. The Commission also reiterated the need to inform within 24 hours of the setting up and/or modification of the restriction zones, so that all Member States can be informed in a timely manner.

**A.07 Community Veterinary Emergency Team (CVET) established by Commission Decision 2007/142/EC - List of Experts**

In line with Commission Decision 2007/142/EC, the Commission informed the Member States of the current composition of the Community Veterinary Emergency Team. It invited the Member States to inform the Commission of any required update of the list of experts.

**A.08 Information from the EU Reference Laboratory on surveillance for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in Member States during 2013**

The representative of the EU Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza made a presentation on the surveillance carried out by Member States during 2013.

25,220 poultry holdings were sampled in 2013. 57 holdings were found to be H5 seropositive. As in previous years, breeder and fattening ducks showed the most seropositivity. Six holdings tested serologically positive for H7, mainly free-range laying hens. Virological investigation in wild birds did not reveal any infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza during 2013. A few detections of low pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds were made by passive surveillance.

The annual report of the EU Reference Laboratory on Avian Influenza surveillance in poultry and wild birds carried out by Member States during 2013 was distributed.

**A.09 Information from Italy on low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry**

The Italian representative made a presentation on the situation as regards low pathogenic avian influenza in Italy during 2014. Between 28/01/2014 and 16/09/2014 five outbreaks have occurred, all in small farms. Low pathogenic avian influenza of subtypes H5N1, H5N2 and three times H7N1 were detected on these premises, that

are located in four different regions (Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia Romagna and Friuli Venezia Giulia). Disease control measures according to Directive 2005/94/EC were applied.

**A.10 Information from: BG, EL, EE, IT, LT, LV, HU, RO, SI, SK, FI on the implementation of the rabies eradication programmes in 2013**

The Commission expressed its concerns on the problems detected in Romania in 2013 as regards the proper implementation of oral vaccination campaigns. Therefore, financial corrections will be applied in the reimbursement of the 2013 programme. Romania is encouraged to increase the controls in 2014 to avoid further spread of the disease and eventually, possible other financial corrections.

As regards Hungary, as the situation in 2013 represented an important setback in the evolution of the disease, the Competent Authorities were requested to enhance surveillance and monitoring efforts to prevent further spread of the disease outside of the vaccination areas.

In the other countries, the programme has been implemented as planned and the epidemiological situation is quite satisfactory.

**A.11 Information on the bluetongue situation by Spain and control measures in place**

The Spanish representative presented the updated situation as regards bluetongue. In the last vector season 14 outbreaks with animals showing clinical signs occurred within the restricted zone, for serotypes 1 and 4. The Spanish representative described the compulsory and voluntary vaccination plans that are implemented in the different areas.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Annex F to Council Directive 64/432/EEC as regards the format of the model health certificates for intra-Union trade in bovine animals and swine and the additional health requirements relating to *Trichinella* for intra-Union trade in domestic swine**

The aim of the draft is to amend the model health certificate for trade in swine by including the additional health requirements relating to *Trichinella* as they were introduced by amendments of Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005. Moreover, there is a need to adapt the format of model health certificates for trade in bovine animals and in swine to the harmonised model annexed to Commission Regulation (EC) No 599/2004 and to delete the provisions of paragraphs 2(e) and 3 of Article 6 of Directive 64/432/EC, which have expired on 31 December 2000, from the model health certificate for trade in bovine animals.

The Commission informed the Committee that the document SANCO/10770/2014, amending Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 and providing a legal base for the amendments of the model health certificate for trade in swine in relation to *Trichinella* requirements, was voted on the PAFF Committee Section: Biological Safety on 19 September.

There were some comments from Member States relating to the wording of the model health certificate for trade in swine which were accepted and the wording of the document was improved before voting.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certification requirements for trade in and imports into the Union of semen, ova and embryos of animals of the equine species, amending Commission Implementing Decision 2010/470/EU and repealing Commission Implementing Decision 2010/471/EU**

The aim of this document is to amend the model health certificates for trade in semen, ova and embryos of animals of the equine species set out in Annexes I and II to Decision 2010/470/EU and for imports into the Union of semen, ova and embryos of animals of the equine species set out in Annexes I and II to Decision 2010/471/EU in order to reflect the provisions introduced by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 846/2014 amending Annex D to Council Directive 92/65/EEC mainly as regards the animal health conditions for donor animals of the equine species and testing requirements.

The Commission informed the Committee that two Member States submitted their comments to the document which were evaluated and will be included in the draft document before voting.

The vote was postponed and is now planned during the next PAFF Committee.

**Vote postponed**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards introduction of additional requirements for the import of colostrum**

This text concerns a derogation for import of bovine colostrum for feeding of farmed animals. Following detection of Enzootic-Bovine-Leucosis (EBL) antibodies in an imported consignment of colostrum, the Commission adopted in 2010 certain requirements for the import of colostrum which are based on the officially free status of EBL in the third countries or regions thereof wishing to export to the EU. As an alternative, it is now proposed to establish also rules allowing import into the EU of colostrum that has been subjected to double testing for EBL, with negative results. Member States asked to discuss the issue further at technical level.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision concerning the adoption of the work programme and the financing for**

**the years 2014 and 2015 of activities in the food and feed area to ensure the application of the food and feed legislation, and amending Commission Implementing Decision 2014/C 166/05**

The document was presented in detail and welcomed by Member States. No specific issues were raised.

**C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down the procedures for submission of applications, reports and requests for payments for the grants towards measures for the eradication of diseases listed in Annex I of Regulation (EU) N° 652/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council, for the protection against these diseases and or the establishment of stocks of biological products intended for the control of these diseases**

Discussion was postponed.