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<b>AGENDA</b>
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**Section A     Information and/or discussion**

- A.01** General information by Member States.
- A.02** Information from Germany on infection with bluetongue virus situation. (PRM)
- A.03** Information from the Commission of the new system for the designation of labs that can issue valid rabies titration tests. (PRM)
- A.04** Information from the Member States on African swine fever. (SF)  
Certain Member States will provide information as regards the African swine fever epidemiological situation in their territories and measures undertaken.
- A.05** Update on the FMD risks for the EU. (FB)
- A.06** State of play of the signature of the grant agreements for the veterinary programmes submitted by Member States and third countries for 2024. (NK)
- A.07** Information from Member States on sheep pox and goat pox. (DD)  
Bulgaria and Greece will present an update of the sheep pox and goat pox situation in their territories.
- A.08** Report on the sheep pox and goat pox EUVET mission to Greece. (DD)  
Report on an EUVET mission on sheep and goat pox in Greece that took place on 20 - 21 December 2023.

**A.09** Presentation from EFSA on the latest overview report on the epidemiological situation with avian influenza in Europe and worldwide. (IDC)

EFSA will present the main conclusions and options for response following assessment of the epidemiological situation with HPAI in EU and worldwide in September - December 2023.

**A.10** Information from Member States on highly pathogenic avian influenza. (IDC)

Member States where highly pathogenic avian influenza virus was recently detected in kept birds will present the epidemiological situation and measures taken.

**A.11** Information from the Commission on the Opinion of the Health Security Committee on zoonotic avian influenza. (IDC/B2)

## **Section B**      **Draft(s) presented for an opinion**

**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.

(Emergency disease)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

**B.02** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annexes I and II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594 laying down special control measures for African swine fever. (SF)

The Commission will present a draft Implementing Regulation to propose a revision of certain African swine fever restricted zones in certain Member States concerned.

(SANTE/744A/2024)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EU) 2016/429 - Article 71(3)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

**B.03** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex VIII to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/620 as regards the approval or withdrawal of the disease-free status of certain zones of Germany and Spain as regards infection with bluetongue virus (serotypes 1-24) and the approval of the extension of an eradication programme for infection with that virus. (LK)

Administrative follow-up of recent epidemiological changes.

(PLAN/2107/2023)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EU) 2016/429 - Articles 31(4), second subparagraph, 36(4) and 42(4)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure

**B.04** Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2447 concerning emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States. (IDC)

The EU regionalization for outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza needs to be updated to take into account the development of the epidemiological situation in certain Member States.

(PLAN/12848B/2024)

**Legal Basis:** Regulation (EU) 2016/429 - Article 259(1), point (c)

**Procedure:** Examination procedure