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

No item raised.

**A.02 New procedure for submitting applications for EU co-financed veterinary programmes.**

HaDEA (Health and Digital Executive Agency) has presented the new procedure for submitting applications for EU co-financed veterinary programmes (eGrant).

EGRANT Commission corporate IT Tool will be used as of 2023 for the submission of the EU co-financed veterinary programmes by Member States in replacement of the current DG SANTE IT tools.

A transition period will take place in 2022, with the submission of the 2023 veterinary programmes in DG SANTE IT tool followed by the upload of the pdfs in eGRANT by 31 May 2022. An information session presenting the use of eGRANT will be provided to Member States on 3 of May 2022 pm. Member States are invited to send names and email addresses of their participants respectively, for this training to [HADEA-VET-PROG@ec.europa.eu](mailto:HADEA-VET-PROG@ec.europa.eu) as soon as possible.

**A.03 Information from France on recent outbreaks of Aujeszky's disease in porcine animals.**

France presented sufficient information about two outbreaks of Aujeszky's disease in porcine animals (kept wild boars for hunting) concerning the affected establishments, the disease eradication measures and the epidemiological investigations. Following Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 Annex IV Part V Chapter 2 Section 2, the status free from infection with Aujeszky's disease virus may be maintained despite these two outbreaks.

**A.04 Information from Member States on Africa swine fever.**

Italy, Latvia, Slovakia and Poland provided an update on the ASF epidemiological situation in their territories. Moreover, Poland informed that Germany and Poland will sign a Memorandum of Understanding on for joint activities for ASF prevention, control and eradication.

**A.05 Presentation of the Annex of the draft Commission Implementing Decision on the Work Programme 2023-2024 for veterinary programmes.**

Following the presentation of the draft document at the previous PAFF meeting, no comments which could have an impact on the text were received. Therefore no further discussion was initiated. The Commission (SANTE A3) presented the next steps of the administrative procedure for the adoption of the Decision.

**A.06 Commission update on reports received on infection with SARS CoV-2 in minks and other animals of the family Mustelidae and in raccoon dogs.**

The Commission informed the Committee on updates received from Member States on the epidemiological situation for SARS CoV-2 in mustelidae and raccoon dogs. Following questions from the Committee, the Commission clarified that there is an ongoing EFSA assessment which will guide the revision of future measures for SARS CoV-2.

**A.07 One Health Surveillance in Animals and the Environment.**

The Commission presented the OH Surveillance initiative and highlighted where further information can be found on the EU4Health 2022 work programme as well as the upcoming milestones for Member States. EFSA presented the mandate received by the Commission to support scientific assessment, data collection and scientific coordination with ECDC and Member States. It clarified that further meetings would be organised by EFSA and HaDEA to clarify the next steps for Member States.

**A.08 Launch of ADIS Union Reporting module and plans for updating Regulation (EU) 2020/2002.**

The Commission reported on the new ADIS Union Reporting module being launched for allowing Member States to fulfil their Union reporting obligations in time for the deadline for the current year.

The Commission informed the Committee of the upcoming changes to the Union notification legislation (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002) to precise the notification requirements and make them better tailored to the information needed for informing the Union on management of outbreaks' measures. Finally, the Commission underlined the importance to fill in all the data fields in ADIS as foreseen in Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2002.

**A.09 Presentation from EFSA on the latest avian influenza overview.**

Based on the mandate given by the Commission, EFSA is regularly assessing data provided by Member States in relation with outbreaks of avian influenza in wild birds, poultry and captive birds. Following these assessments, EFSA publishes quarterly scientific reports on the updated avian influenza situation in the EU and worldwide. Consequently, EFSA presented the conclusions of the assessment of the data collected in relation to avian influenza since December 2021.

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

Member States affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in poultry presented the updates on the epidemiological situation with the disease and the measures taken to eradicate the disease.

**A.11 Overview of the 2021 West Nile virus transmission season by ECDC.**

Postponed to PAFF Committee in May due to technical issues.

**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 repealing Decision 2010/346/EU on protective measures with regard to equine infectious anaemia in Romania.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision repealing Decision 2010/346/EU on protective measures with regard to equine infectious anaemia (EIA) in Romania. It is due to the improvement of the EIA situation in Romania resulting in a big decrease of numbers of outbreaks of EIA since 2010. Commission Decision 2010/346/EU is to be repealed and movement of equine animals from Romania to other Member States should be carried out now under animal health requirements laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion 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 registration and approval of establishments keeping terrestrial animals and collecting, producing, processing or storing germinal products.**

The Commission presented a revised draft based on comments received from Member States and asked for a Technical Agreement on the steps forward. Member State were in favour of the proposed procedures.

**Vote Postponed: Technical Agreement**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 laying down special control measures for African swine fever.**

The Commission presented for vote the Draft Commission Implementing Regulation to revise the restricted zones for Latvia (enlargement of restricted zone II) and Poland (enlargement of restricted zone II in one area, revision from restricted zone III to restricted zone I and II in other areas).

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 concerning emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.**

The EU zoning for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) needs to be amended due to new outbreaks confirmed by certain Member States in poultry or captive birds. In addition, the draft introduced an attestation to be added to the animal health certificate or to animal health/official certificate provided by Implementing Regulation (EU)

2021/403, when consignments of poultry, captive birds, hatching eggs or specific-pathogen free eggs of such birds originating from a further restricted zone established for HPAI are authorized by the competent authority of a Member State to be moved to another Member State.

**Outcome of the vote by written consultation: Favourable opinion.**

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 concerning listed diseases of aquatic animals and the list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those listed diseases.**

The species which are listed in the table in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 as susceptible to the listed diseases of aquatic animals has recently been reviewed. The proposed new list of susceptible species was discussed with Member States and comments were received from two Member States. The main issue concerns whether to include or exclude the common names of the listed species from the table in the Annex to the draft Regulation. Written comments from Member States are expected by 22 April and a decision will be made on the matter at that point. It is expected that the Regulation will be presented for an opinion at the next PAFF Committee meeting in May 2022.

**M.01 Information from the Commission on the future physical meetings of the Committee.**

The Commission informed delegates that it intends to gradually re-establish physical meetings of this Committee. The change may happen in May or, at the latest, at the meeting in June 2022.