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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 General information by Member States.**

No item raised.

**A.02 Animal welfare during transport - journey logs for exports by sea.**

The Commission informed Member States of the main findings from its data analysis and audits on live animal exports by sea. Mistakes in controls regularly carried out at place of departure and at port of exit do not provide the necessary assurances for animal welfare during the sea leg of the journey. The Commission insisted on the need to pay particular attention on all elements subject to official controls in accordance with the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 (i.e. realistic journey logs, identification and use of approved livestock vessels and authorised transporters to ensure contingency plans are in place, etc.). The Commission underlined the importance of proper enforcement of EU animal welfare rules in the context of the export to third countries pointing at recent a accident with exports to Israel.

Two Member States indicated that a Commission list of approved vessels would be helpful.

The Commission replied that Member States National Contact Points are providing these lists in a dedicated CIRCA-BC group, but not all are updating these lists regularly

One Member State enquired what should be done if a vessel was approved by a non-EU country.

The Commission replied that such vessels must be inspected and approved by an EU country to ensure that all requirements of Regulation 1/2005 are complied with.

**A.03 Declaration by Norway in relation to freedom from ISA in an independent compartment comprising "Hall 2" at the fish farm "31837 Sørfjorden Stamfiskanlegg".**

No comments or discussion. The declaration is published on the website of the Norwegian Authorities:

[https://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/fish\\_and\\_aquaculture/fish\\_health/declaration\\_of\\_areas\\_free\\_of\\_infectious\\_salmon\\_anemia\\_isa\\_in\\_norway.8674](https://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/fish_and_aquaculture/fish_health/declaration_of_areas_free_of_infectious_salmon_anemia_isa_in_norway.8674).

**A.04 Information by the Commission on possible draft measures to supplement the measures provided for in Article 43(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 as regards exports to third countries of Category 2 meat-and-bone meal.**

The issue of a possible harmonisation of the rules for imports and exports of Category 2 meat-and-bone meal was discussed with the Member States. The Member States that took the floor were largely against the possibility to set EU rules in the absence of the relevant methods to control and prevent its use in feed for farm animals.

**A.05 Information on African swine fever in Member States.**

Belgium and Poland gave an update on the African swine fever (ASF) situation in their respective countries. The Commission presented an update on the ASF situation in the EU and ongoing activities in relation to ASF and also gave an update on the recent EUVET mission to Romania.

**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.**

**Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.**

Bulgaria presented information on a new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of subtype H5. A new outbreak was confirmed on 13/03/2019 in the region of Lovech. Bulgaria is applying the EU measures to control this outbreak including the establishment of protection and surveillance zones.

The Commission presented a draft decision to amend the Annex to Decision (EU) 2017/247 in order to update the regionalisation with respect to the new outbreak of HPAI in Bulgaria.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards the harmonisation of the list of approved or registered establishments, plant and operators and the traceability of certain animal by-products and derived products.**

Member States provided several comments to draft. The Commission invited Member States to submit their comments by Thursday, 28 March 2019.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation as regards the traceability of certain animal by-products and derived products.**

Member States provided several comments to draft. The Commission invited Member States to submit their comments by Thursday, 28 March 2019.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards imports of processed manure, horns, horn products, hooves, hooves products, gelatine, rendered fats and flavouring innards.**

Member States provided several comments to draft. The Commission invited Member States to submit their comments by Thursday, 28 March 2019.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards microbiological standards for raw petfood, requirements concerning approved establishments, technical parameters applicable to the alternative method Brookes' gasification process and hydrolysis of rendered fats, transport conditions for certain Category 3 materials and exports of processed manure and certain blood, blood products and intermediate products.**

Member States provided several comments to draft. The Commission invited Member States to submit their comments by Thursday, 28 March 2019.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.**

The Commission presented to the Committee Draft Commission Implementing Decision reviewing the African swine fever regionalisation measures by enlarging certain Part I and Part II areas for Poland and Belgium.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.**

The Commission presented for a vote certain amendments of CID 709/2014 in relation to i) PCR testing, ii) trade of live pigs in continuous areas of African swine fever restrictions and iii) extension of validity of the Decision until 21 April 2021.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**M.01 France: Declaration of freedom from VHS and IHN – dependent compartment ‘Pisciculture de Moulin de Soye’.**

The Commission briefly informed the delegates that that serious objective concerns were raised in writing by a Member State and the Commission in relation to that declaration. Following due contacts between the Commission and France during the period granted by the EU rule, the declaration was withdrawn.

**M.02 France: Information on Rift Valley Fever in Mayotte.**

France presented an update on the epidemiological situation and control measures in relation to Rift Valley Fever occurrence in Mayotte, an overseas French department in the Indian Ocean.

**M.03 Czechia: Information – introduction of ungulates intended for an approved body, institute or centre.**

The Czech Republic briefly informed the delegates about the planned import of ungulates. In addition, the Commission explained also the relevant legislative context, a derogation with special rights and obligations for the Member State of destination, under which this introduction takes place.

**M.04 Austria: Information on *Brucella melitensis* – cattle.**

Austria explained that during the investigation after the two cases of Brucellosis in cattle due to *Brucella melitensis* in 2018, they found a third case in February. This case was in close relation to the previous ones, and no animals were moved out of the holding, except for slaughter.

**M.05 Denmark: Information on low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI).**

Denmark provided information on two confirmed outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) in Denmark:

- 28/02/19 confirmed outbreak of H5 in a holding of organic layers in Terndrup, Jutland.
- 14/03/19 confirmed outbreak of H7 in a holding of game birds (mallards) production at Brenderup, Funen

Measures in accordance with Council Directive 2005/94/EC have been applied.

Commission invited Member States to regularly provide any additional information on LPAI outbreaks in ADNS form under ‘Comments’ tab.