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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 General information by Member States.

No item raised.

A.02 Report on EU Veterinary Emergency Team established by Commission Decision 2007/142/EC.

Member States were reminded of the importance of the role played by the EU Veterinary Emergency Team in the follow-up of major disease outbreaks and were invited to inform the Commission of any changes they wished to make to the list of experts in the EU Veterinary Emergency Team.

A.03 Declaration from France in relation to freedom from VHS/IHN in the dependent compartment "Calonne" in the departments of Calvados (14) and Eure (27).

The two declarations above comply with the format and data requirements of the EU Decision 2009/177/EC.

The declarations are published on the relevant EU Commission website: https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/live_animals/aquaculture/declarations_en with link to the relevant website of French authorities: <https://agriculture.gouv.fr/maladies-des-animaux-aquatiques>

A.04 Declaration from France in relation to commencement of a surveillance program concerning VHS and IHN in the dependent compartment of Soye in the department of Doubs (25).

Please see report contribution under point A.03.

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

Poland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary and Belgium updated the Committee on the ASF situation.

A.06 Report on the EUVET mission on African swine fever to Poland (19-22 November 2019).

One member of the EUVET-team dispatched to Poland, reported on the main findings and recommendations of the EUVET experts.

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 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States.

ASF regionalisation measures were updated taking into account epidemiological situation of the disease in Lithuania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. Draft Commission Implementing Decision was presented for voted.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Rabies case in human detected in Latvia.

A deadly human case of rabies was reported in Latvia early in December 2019. The epidemiological investigation and the sequencing of the virus showed that the infection happened in India 18 months ago. Domestic infection has been ruled out by the competent authorities.

M.02 Newcastle disease in Romania.

The Romanian representative presented the recent information as regards handling Newcastle disease outbreak. According to the information before delivering to the farm the entire herd was vaccinated against Newcastle disease. However, no effectiveness of vaccination has been checked by the farmer. The disease outbreak may be due to vaccination at the time of boarding overlapping with the transport stress of the birds. Another possible origin of the virus may be due to the wild birds, which are carriers of the virus from Lake Gălățui or due to lack of biosecurity measures by the farmer. The whole flock has been depopulated.