

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COPA- COGECA WORKING PARTY ON ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE ON 4TH APRIL 2014

PRESENT: Higuera, Hörmann, Riedl, Sie, Nielsen, Gono, Matousek, Pontaga, Matuseviciene, Endrodi, Bourke, Kicinski, Drosio, Verset, Press, Bedford, Martin, Guégan, Le Grand, Jousse, Auffret, Melkild, Sahlman, Suojala, Dirnena, Quadro, Semaille, Mintiens

SECRETARIAT: Di Rubbo

INVITED GUESTS: Papadaki, Logar, Hogeveen

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

→ The agenda was adopted. [AHW\(14\)630 \(rev.3\)](#)

Item 2: Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting of the Working Party

→ The minutes from the previous meeting of the Working Party were approved. [AHW\(14\)1854 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 3: Exchange of views with Panagiota Papadaki, Veterinary Attaché of the Greek Presidency, on the state of play at the Council level concerning the Commission's proposals on animal health and official controls

→ The Council presented the state of play of the two proposals in the relevant Council's working groups. The experts raised concerns on the Commission's approach on the animal health visits included in the new animal health law, including the mandatory cost recovery systems of fees imposed on farmers and cooperatives for the official controls carried out on their establishment. The Greek Presidency made clear that these two points are still open for discussion and no formal agreement was made. [CC\(14\)2607 \(rev.1\)](#) [CC\(14\)2074 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 4: Exchange of views with Barbara Logar, DG SANCO - Animal Health Unit, on the ongoing activities following the publication of the Commission's proposal on animal health

→ The Commission presented the state of play of the internal reflection on the next step. No concrete actions were put in place. Experts expressed the interest to be involved from the very beginning in the discussion on the delegated/implementing acts on biosecurity and animal health visits.

Item 5: Parliament's position on the Commission's proposals on animal health and official controls

→ Exchange of views. [NPN\(14\)1503 \(rev.1\)](#) [AHW\(14\)1999 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 6: Outcome of the dialogue agreement on the Commission's proposal on the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material

→ Exchange of views. [NPN\(14\)997 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 7: Recent developments on antimicrobial resistance at EU/MS level

Exchange of views.

→ [AHW\(14\)2647 \(rev.1\)](#) [AHW\(14\)2650 \(rev.1\)](#)

- EPRUMA [AHW\(14\)1985 \(rev.1\)](#)
- EIP [AHW\(14\)2004 \(rev.1\)](#)
- EMA [AHW\(14\)1986 \(rev.1\)](#) [AHW\(14\)1495 \(rev.1\)](#) [AHW\(14\)1987 \(rev.1\)](#)
- ESVAC [AHW\(14\)876 \(rev.1\)](#) [AHW\(14\)960 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 8: Farmers' willingness to prevent and control disease – Research Project Funded by ANIHW

- Exchange of views.

Item 9: The EU-funded pilot project on the EU Network of Reference Centres on animal welfare “EUWELNET”: recent developments

- Exchange of views. [AHW\(14\)1988 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 10: Commission's study on education and information activities on animal welfare across Member States

- It was agreed that the internal study carried out by Copa-Cogeca to map existing activities on welfare training/education would have been sent to the Consortium in charge of carrying out the Commission study. [AHW\(13\)9094 \(rev.3\)](#) [AHW\(14\)1989 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 11: Recent activities of the Collaborative Working Groups on Animal Health and Welfare within the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR)

- Exchange of information. [AHW\(14\)2042 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 12: African Swine Fever – recent developments

- Exchange of information. [VP\(14\)1893 \(rev.1\)](#)

Item 13: Date of the next meeting

- It was decided that the next Working Party meeting would have been organised in November in line with the Commission/Parliament activities on the animal health proposal.

Item 14: AOB – Point of information

- Revision of the veterinary medicines legislation – The group was informed that the proposal was going to be published by the European Commission in October 2014. It seemed clear that the community authorisation procedure for all veterinary medicines was not going to be proposed by the Commission. Members were invited to be in contact with their national authorities.