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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)

Date: 11 April 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Certification of third country requirements in relation to EU exports

- a) Outcome of consultations with stakeholders
– *Exchange of information and views*

- b) Background certificate
– *Information by the German and Danish delegations and exchange of views*

2. Regionalisation

- a) Roadmap towards the recognition of EU regionalisation measures
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Japan (*): ongoing work on recognition of regionalisation
- c) Taiwan and Thailand: regionalisation workshops in Taipei and Bangkok
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 3. **Canada:** Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Joint Management Committee (Ottawa, 26 and 27 March 2018)
 - *Information by the Commission and by the rapporteur of the configuration, and exchange of views*
- 4. **China:** activities of the Potsdam Group - China configuration
 - *Information by the rapporteur of the configuration and exchange of views*
- 5. **Iran:** market access and harmonised certificates for beef and sheep meat
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 6. **Saudi Arabia:** market access and harmonised certificates for beef and poultry meat
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 7. **Mercosur:** last negotiation round on the SPS chapter of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) (Asunción, 21 February to 1 March 2018)
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 8. **Mexico:** feedback on study visit to the EU, 19 to 23 March 2018
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 9. **Chile:** revised SPS chapter of the FTA
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

10. Russian Federation

- a) World Trade Organisation (WTO) dispute settlement case on the Russian ban on the importation of pork
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Proposals addressed by Russia to Member States to conclude bilateral export certificates
– *Information by Member States and exchange of views*

11. United States of America

- a) Equivalence exercise on live bivalve molluscs
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Equivalence exercise on Grade A dairy products
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- c) EU–US Food Safety Systems Recognition Exercise
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- d) US Department of Agriculture (USDA) consultation on modernisation of swine slaughter inspection
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

12. Indonesia: fourth round of FTA negotiations (Surakarta, 19 to 23 February 2018)

– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

13. India (*): meeting with Indian officials as part of an animal health study visit to the EU (Brussels, 30 May)

14. Ukraine (*): state of play on negotiations on EU–Ukraine veterinary certificates

15. Malaysia (*): state of play regarding the listing of milk and milk products establishments

16. 71st WTO SPS Committee meeting (Geneva, 1 and 2 March 2018) (*)

17. Any other business

a) Vietnam: high-level SPS meeting (Brussels, 22 March 2018)

– *Information by the Commission*

b) Colombia, Ecuador and Peru (*)

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