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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)
Date: 20 May 2019
Time: 10.00
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Matters arising from previous meetings

– *Update by the Presidency and the Commission, and exchange of views*

2. World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)

Measures (*): outcome of the meeting of 20-22 March 2019

3. Market Access Database: presentation of new SPS features

– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

4. Canada

- a) Follow-up to the 2nd SPS Joint Management Committee (JMC) meeting under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) (Brussels, 25-27 February 2019)
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Canadian meat system audits in Member States
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- c) 'Safe Food for Canadians' Act and Regulations: impact on EU exports after entry into force
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

5. United States of America (USA)

- a) Follow-up to the EU-USA Animal Health Technical Working Group (AHTWG) meeting of November 2018, and preparation of the next meeting (Washington, 24-25 June 2019, tbc)
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Review of the status of swine diseases in the EU by the US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

6. Australia

- a) Outcome of the 3rd round of FTA negotiations (Canberra, 27-29 March 2019)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Mutual Equivalence Recognition Project: discussion on the way forward
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

7. **New Zealand:** outcome of the 4th round of FTA negotiations (Brussels, 14-16 May 2019).
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
8. **Chile**
- a) Outcome of the 16th EU-Chile SPS Committee meeting (Santiago, 26-27 March 2019)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Outcome of the 4th round of negotiations for the modernisation of the SPS chapter of the EU-Chile Association Agreement (Santiago, 28-29 March 2019)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
9. **Mexico:** outcome of the EU-Mexico SPS Subcommittee meeting (videoconference) of 7 May 2019
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
10. **Central America:** preparation of the SPS Subcommittee meeting planned for June 2019 (tbc)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
11. **China**
- a) Certification requirements for low-risk foods
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Outcome of the animal health week held in Beijing (8-12 April 2019)
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
12. **Taiwan:** developments with regard to the recognition of regionalisation
– *Information by delegations and exchange of views*

13. South Korea

a) Preparation of the next SPS Committee (Seoul, 5 September 2019, tbc)

– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

b) Developments with regard to the recognition of regionalisation

– *Information by delegations and exchange of views*

c) Ongoing procedure to allow imports of beef from the Netherlands and Denmark

– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

14. Japan: outcome of Commissioner Hogan's visit of 8 May 2019

– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

15. Tunisia: negotiations for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)

– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

16. Iran: SPS market access issues

– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

17. Republic of Moldova: amended veterinary export certificate for pigs

– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

18. Any other business

(*) For written exchange of information only: not to be discussed unless otherwise requested by a delegation at least two days before the meeting.

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