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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)  
Date: Thursday, 26 April 2012 (10h00)  
Venue: COUNCIL  
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1. Customs Union

- Information from the Commission on the outcome from the technical meeting held in Moscow in the week of 16 - 20 April 2012.
- Exchange of views on priorities for negotiations of new EU-CU veterinary certificates.
- Exchange of views on pre-export certification.
- Information from Member States on existing bilateral certificates with Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation and draft bilateral certificates under discussion between Member States and Belarus/Kazakhstan/Russia.
- Information from Member States on recent and upcoming RF/CU inspections.

2. USA
  - Coordination of EU comments on the US draft BSE comprehensive rule.
3. New Zealand
  - Preparation of the agenda for the EU-New Zealand JMC meeting, which takes place in Copenhagen 30 May 2012 and possible 29 May 2012 in the afternoon.
4. Chile
  - Coordination of EU comments on possible alternative methods to heat treatment that could be envisaged for pork.
5. Mexico
  - Preparation of the agenda for the EU-Mexico JMC meeting, which will take place in Mexico (date to be confirmed – most possibly June 2012).
6. Switzerland
  - Information from the Commission on the state of play of the decision abolishing border controls.
7. Moldova
  - Information from the Commission on the outcome of the SPS chapter following the first round of negotiations under the DCFTA on 22 March in Chisinau.
8. Georgia
  - Information from the Commission on the outcome of the SPS chapter following the first round of negotiations under the DCFTA on 29 March in Tbilisi.
9. AOB
  - Exchange of views regarding export of EU processed animal protein to third countries.

NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.