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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)

Date: 5 April 2017
Time: 10.00
Venue: COUNCIL
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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Market access database
 - *Presentation by the Commission and exchange of views*
2. Audits in Member States (MS) carried out by third countries
 - *Exchange of information by delegations*
3. Working arrangements in the Potsdam Group / intracommunity certification
 - *Information by the Presidency*

4. Russia:
 - a) New Russian requirements for listed establishments: possible need for clarifications on the Russian questionnaires
 - *Exchange of views*
 - b) Requests by feed producing establishments to be added to the Rosselkhoznadzor list
 - *Request from the Belgian delegation and exchange of views*
 - c) Cooperation with Russia on electronic certification
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - d) WTO dispute with Russia on the pork ban
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
5. Australia: mutual equivalence recognition
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
6. Mercosur: report on FTA negotiations (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 20 – 24 March 2017)
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
7. Mexico: state of play on FTA negotiations
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
8. Thailand: follow-up to the mission of 5-9 March 2017
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
9. United States of America (USA):
 - a) EU-FDA Food Safety Systems Recognition exercise
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - b) US Department of Agriculture FSIS (Food Safety and Inspection Service) issues:
 - i. Equivalence for visual post-mortem inspection of pork
 - ii. Proposed changes to certification
 - iii. Changes to microbiological testing of beef
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - c) Upcoming Animal Health Technical Working Group (AHTWG) with US Department of Agriculture APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

10. Canada:

- a) Safe Food for Canadians Regulations
 - *Presentation by the Mission of Canada to the EU and exchange of views*
- b) Meat audit
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

11. AOB:

- a) Developments with Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine
 - *Information by the Commission*
- b) Argentina: bilateral market access meeting, mid-March 2017
 - *Information by the Commission*

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