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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)

Date: 19 September 2017

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. **Certification of third country requirements in relation to European Union (EU) exports:**
outcome of written consultation
 - *Presentation by the Presidency and exchange of views*

2. **Audits in Member States (MS) carried out by third countries**
 - *Exchange of information by delegations*

3. **United States of America (USA)**
 - a) Meeting of the EU-US Animal Health Technical Working Group (AHTWG) of 28 and 29 June 2017
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Food Safety Systems Recognition exercise
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- c) Draft harmonised certificates for hatching eggs and day old chicks exported to the USA
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

4. Russian Federation:

- a) Russian Federation requests for information and proposals for inspections in relation to African swine fever
 - *Update by the Commission and delegations and exchange of views*
- b) Questionnaires of the Russian Federation for listed EU establishments and competent authorities of Member States (MS):
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- c) Pre-notification of transit of EU animal products through the territory of the Russian Federation
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

5. China:

- a) Certification requirements for low risk foods exported to China
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Current trade problems with China
 - *Exchange of information by delegations*

6. Mercosur: Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations

- a) Negotiation round of 3–6 July 2017 and intersessional meeting of 5–7 September 2017
 - *Brief update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Negotiation round of 2–6 October 2017, Brasilia
 - *Information by the Commission*

- 7. Indonesia:** payment of inspection costs and fees to process market access requests - bilateral meeting with Indonesia in the margins of the last Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee of the World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*

- 8. South Korea:** FTA SPS Committee of 6 September 2017, Seoul
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 9. Canada:**
- a) Update on market access issues
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - b) Preparation of the Joint Management Committee (JMC) under the Veterinary Agreement or of the SPS Committee under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), November 2017
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 10. Ukraine:** Certification of several animal products exported to Ukraine
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 11. Mexico:**
- a) Recent meetings
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - b) 5th round of FTA modernisation negotiations
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 12. Australia:** EU-Australia Mutual Equivalence Recognition project on EU pig meat products
– *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 13. Moldova:** note from the National Food Agency of Moldova on requirements on certificates for EU products exported from the EU to Moldova
– *Information by the Commission and delegations and exchange of views*
- 14. Brazil:** SPS matters related to exports to Brazil of products of animal origin (WK 8613/2017)
– *Exchange of views*
- 15. South Africa:** Discussions on market access for EU poultry and South African farmed game
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 16. AOB:**
- a) Update of configurations of the Potsdam Group
– *Information by the Presidency*
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