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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)

Date: 19 July 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

- 1. Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) market access priorities for the second half of 2018**
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 2. Certification of third country requirements in relation to EU exports: tests on the background certificate and possible next steps**
– *Update by the Presidency and exchange of views*
- 3. Committee of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on SPS Measures (Geneva, 12 and 13 July 2018) (*)**
- 4. Australia and New Zealand: first round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations**
– *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

5. China

- a) New administrative structure and organigram
 - *Information by the Commission and by delegations*
- b) Meeting between Commissioner Hogan and Minister Ni Yuefeng (Brussels, 27 June 2018)
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- c) Certification requirements for low-risk foods exported to China
 - *Information by the French delegation (tbc) and exchange of views*

6. Korea:

- a) 7th meeting of the Committee on SPS Measures under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Republic of Korea (Brussels, 19 September 2018)
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Questionnaire and market access for beef
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

- 7. Russian Federation and Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU):** market access issues related to the export of animals and products of animal origin
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

8. Japan:

- a) State of play on animal health cooperation
 - *Update by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Fact-finding survey on currently listed food additives in foods exported to Japan (*)

- 9. Ecuador (*):** procedure for exporting products of animal origin

- 10. Peru (*):** new certificate for deboned beef

- 11. Thailand (*):** outcomes of the seminar on regionalisation and side meetings with the Department of Livestock Development (Bangkok, 5 and 6 June 2018)

- 12. Indonesia (*):** state of play after the fifth round of FTA negotiations

13. Practical working arrangements of the Potsdam Group: pilot phase of the new Potsdam Group configurations – proposal for further steps

- a) Feedback on the work carried out during the first semester by the three pilot configurations
 - *Information by the Commission and the rapporteurs of the configurations and exchange of views*
- b) Delegations' feedback on the questions contained in the Presidency note 'Work programme for the Potsdam Group – including the establishment of new sub configurations – for the next 6 months'
 - *Presentation by the Presidency, followed by tour de table and exchange of views*

14. Any other business

- a) Planned visit by Commissioner Hogan to Egypt
 - *Information by the Commission*
- b) Technical meetings with Iran on 26 June 2018
 - *Information by the Commission*

(*) 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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