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Subject: Working Party of Veterinary Experts (Potsdam Group)

Date: 4 February 2020

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*

Items for discussion

2. United States of America (USA):

- a) Preparation of the upcoming Animal Health Technical Working Group (Brussels, 4-March 2020)
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) ‘Test and Hold’ requirement
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

3. Canada:

- a) Follow-up to the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Joint Management Committee (JMC) meeting of 25-27 February 2019 and preparation of the SPS JMC meeting of 21-23 April 2020
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Outcome of audits to Member States
 - *Information by the delegations and exchange of views*

4. Ukraine:

- a) Issues related to the export of mechanically separated meat (MSM)
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Regionalisation of the EU for African swine fever (ASF)
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

5. Kazakhstan: veterinary export certificates

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

6. Turkey:

- a) Report from recent technical meetings and preparation of the next one
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Veterinary certificates for the export of live bovines
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

7. Korea: structured dialogue and recognition of EU regionalisation measures

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

Items for information

8. China: regionalisation, electronic certification, and other regulatory issues

- *Information by the Commission*

9. Japan: mutual recognition and Animal Health Technical Working Group

- *Information by the Commission*

10. Australia:

- a) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations
 - *Information by the Commission*
- b) Mutual equivalence project
 - *Information by the Commission*

11. New Zealand: FTA negotiations

- *Information by the Commission*

12. Eastern and Southern African (ESA): Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations

- *Information by the Commission*

13. Russian Federation: electronic certification

- *Information by the Commission*

14. Moldova: harmonised export certificates (*)

15. 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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