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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)
Date:	31 January 2023
Time:	10.00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Presentation of the working programme of the Swedish Presidency

- *Presentation by the Presidency*

2. Matters arising from previous meetings

- *Information from the Presidency and the Commission and exchange of views*

3. United Kingdom: State of play on the bilateral relations in the veterinary field

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

4. Georgia

- a) Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and Georgia – state of play
 - *Information from the Presidency*
- b) Preparation for the EU-Georgia SPS Subcommittee meeting planned for January/February 2023
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

5. Ukraine: Results of the EU-Ukraine SPS Committee meeting of 30 November 2022.

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

6. Türkiye

- a) Veterinary import certificates
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Preparation for technical meeting with Turkish authorities, late February/early March
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

7. The UAE and Saudi Arabia

- a) State of play on EU harmonisation of certificates for several commodities (UAE and Saudi Arabia)
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Audit Mission to the EU by Saudi Arabia in a sample of EU Member States with the aim to lift the country-wide bans due to BSE and scrapie disease
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

8. South Korea: State of play on regionalisation recognition and market access for beef

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

9. China

- a) Recent developments related to Covid-19 testing and other regulatory issues
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Update on the registration of establishments by GACC under Decree 248
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- c) State of play of activities with China Competent Authorities on SPS issues
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

10. Japan

- a) Debriefing of the 4th SPS Committee under the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) Update on pending market access applications and horizontal simplification
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

11. India

- a) State of play of the use by Member States of the new FSSAI health certificates for exports of milk and milk products, pork and pork products and fish and fish products
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- b) State of play of the lists of registered establishments (food manufacturing facilities) sent to the FSSAI by Member States
 - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- c) Coordination of the answers to the FSSAI questionnaire on milk and milk products (and possibly other products), via the MADB

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- d) Progress in FTA negotiations with regard to the SPS and SFS Chapters

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

12. Australia: Update on the progress of the EU-Australia FTA negotiations with regard to the SPS and SFS Chapters

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

13. USA

- a) Export of meat

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- b) Export of foetal bovine serum

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- c) Preparation of the EU-US Food Safety Working Group

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- d) Preparation of the EU-US Animal Health Working Group

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

14. Canada: Update on the state of play of work on certificates

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

15. Panama: Update after the meeting on 5 December 2022

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

16. Follow-up to the WTO Ministerial declaration on responding to modern SPS challenges: implementation of the work programme

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

17. Market Access Database (MADB)

- *Information from the Commission and feedback from Member States about their use of the MADB*

18. Updated information on on-going and planned activities with third countries during 2023

- *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

19. Any other business

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