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Subject:	Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam group)
Date:	14 July 2021
Time:	10.00
Venue:	Informal videoconference in format 1+1

1. Matters arising from previous meetings

- *Information by the Presidency and the Commission, and exchange of views*

Items for discussion

2. Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU

- *Information by the Presidency*

3. China:

a. COVID-19 related measures

- *Information by the Commission and delegations, and exchange of views*

- b. State of play of ongoing activities and WTO notifications**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- c. Market access – Approval procedures for beef**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 4. Japan: State of play of Animal health technical working group and market access activities**
 - *Information by the Commission and delegations, and exchange of views*
- 5. United Kingdom: Preparation for the 1st meeting of the Trade Specialised Committee on SPS measures established under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 6. EaEU/Russia:**
 - a. Russian restrictions on feed affecting certain Member States**
 - *Information by the subgroup rapporteur and the Commission, and exchange of views*
 - b. State of play with new and updated EU-EaEU veterinary certificates**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
 - c. Russian certification requirements in relation to ASF regionalisation in the EU**
 - *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*
- 7. United States: EU-US shellfish equivalence – state of play**
 - *Information by the Commission and delegations, and exchange of views*
- 8. Canada: state of play with prioritised export health certificates and export interest for sheep meat**
 - *Information by the Commission and delegations, and exchange of views*

9. Saudi Arabia: state of play on EU harmonised export health certificates negotiations

- *Information by the Commission and delegations, and exchange of views*

10. Mexico: preparations for upcoming SPS Committee meeting under the FTA

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

11. Central America: Outcome of the 7th EU-Central America Subcommittee on SPS matters

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

12. Chile: Negotiations in view of the modernization of the EU-Chile Agreement

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

13. Australia: Feedback from the 11th Round of the EU-Australia FTA negotiations

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

14. New Zealand: Feedback from the 11th Round of the EU-New Zealand FTA negotiations

- *Information by the Commission and exchange of views*

15. India:

a. Upcoming EU-India Animal Health Technical Working Group” (AHTWG) on 5 October 2021

b. New Animals and Animal Products Handbook for Exporters and Competent Authorities of EU Member States regarding exports to India

- *Information by the Commission (Presentation)*

Items for information

16. Indicative planning for meetings on SPS issues during the period July to December 2021 (*)

17. Update on planned import-related legislative acts – State of play June 2021 (*)

18. 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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