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#### NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	life.3@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)
Date:	4 April 2025
Time:	10:00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Format 2+2

1. **FMD outbreak in Germany, Hungary and Slovakia**
  - *Information from the Commission/ Member States and exchange of views*
2. **UK: Update on current EU-UK issues in the area of requirements for live animals and animal products**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
3. **USA: Export of eggs to the US – Bilateral US enquiry to Member States**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

4. **Canada:**
  - (i) **TRACES-NT certification of meat exported to Canada**
  - (ii) **Implementation of mutual recognition of release of HPAI affected zones after cleaning and disinfection of affected areas**
  - (iii) **Export of eggs to Canada**
    - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
5. **Central America: outcome of the implementing visit to Panama, Guatemala and Costa Rica organized on 3-7 February 2025**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
6. **Brazil: state of play of SPS activities, outcome of the meeting of the EU-Brazil SPS Mechanism (13-14 February 2025)**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
7. **Kazakhstan: non-compliance by the Kazakh authorities of regionalisation, the imposition of transit bans.**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
8. **China: State of play of SPS activities**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
9. **Japan: summary of the EU-Japan EPA SPS Committee of 17 February 2025**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
10. **Indonesia: State of play of SPS activities**
  - *Information from the Commission and from Member states*
11. **Philippines: outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of FTA negotiations on SPS and SFS chapters (9-13 February 2025)**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
12. **Vietnam: state of play on new import requirements and pending market access applications**
  - *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*

- 13. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: progress on draft EU harmonized certificates for different products, Saudi Good Agricultural Practices – update.**  
– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 14. Türkiye: state of play of SPS activities**  
– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 15. Information on the Presidency’s questionnaire on the priorities for negotiations concerning market access openings and regionalization**  
– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
- 16. Any other business (AOB)**  
**(i) Information of the final outcome of the EU-South Africa Summit as regard SPS issues. The Commission will inform Delegates about the final EU-SA Declaration on SPS issues and follow up**  
– *Information from the Commission and exchange of views*
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