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National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority



Channeled System for pork meat production in Romania intended for placing on the EU market – Follow-up

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- Taking into account the progress made in the control of CSF Romania asks to be placed in the Part II of the Annex of the Decision 2008/855. As a possible alternative, Romania presented the draft regarding the development and implementation, as a temporary measure, of a Channeled System for pork meat produced in Romania intended for placing on the EU and of the third countries markets.
- The concept, developed into a transparent way together with DG SANCO and FVO representatives, has been presented in details at the SCoFCAH meeting on 4th April 2011.
- The Channeled System is based on the performance of its component establishments and of the entire system in regards with the management practice and biosecurity plans.

Progress

- Romania took all the technical, administrative and financial measures which made already the Channeled System fully functional. So, the FVO audit mission in Romania, from 18th to 22nd of July 2011, could really verify the system in in action.

FVO Mission 18th – 22nd of July

Conclusions of the FVO audit team are:

- The initial preparatory work and the initial audits of the system were professionally carried out by central competent authority.
- The well developed biosecurity and traceability systems in the proposed channeled system provide a high level of protection for these establishments.
- The proposed channeled system, as specified in the Position Paper, has the potential to function effectively, given some relatively minor amendments to the Position Paper and to the National Surveillance and Control Program.

Taking into account those conclusions Romania made the minor amendments to the Position Paper, as recommended by the FVO experts, but also improving the National Surveillance and Control Program and extended the Channeled System surveillance and control strategy around all the commercial pig farms in Romania.

The Action Plan and all the supporting documents have been submitted to DG SANCO and FVO for acceptance.

Improvement of the surveillance strategy in the Position Paper:

- I. The surveillance in the epidemiological unit (locality) use two different estimates of prevalence:
 1. estimate **for the number of holdings** that would most likely be infected in each epidemiological unit
 2. estimate **for the number of animals** that would most likely be infected in each holding

- II. Extension of **5% prevalence with 95% confidence from 1 km zone to 10 km zone**, with a frequency of sampling quarterly in 3 km zone and annually in 4-10 km zone

What's next

- Romania has ensured all the necessary measures and took all the actions in order the Channeled System be approved by Commission and the pig meat produced through this system can be put on the EU and third countries market.
- The Channeled System represents a temporary measure, but our surveillance and control strategy is aiming at the Romania's recognition as free of CSF as soon as possible.