



**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND ANIMAL HEALTH
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 1 FEBRUARY 2011
(Section Animal Health and Welfare)**

Presidents: Alberto Laddomada, Francisco Reviriego.

All the Member States were present.

1. Bluetongue situation in the Member States.

France reported that their bluetongue seasonally vector free period ended on 17 January 2011.

The Commission informed the Committee of the intention to discuss the amendments to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1266/2007 on bluetongue at the next meeting of this Committee in March. Supporting documents shall soon be distributed to the Member States.

2. Information from Bulgaria on the situation of foot-and-mouth disease.

The Bulgarian delegation [presented](#) their surveillance activities for foot-and-mouth disease in the region of Burgas, in the course of which the outbreak in Gramatikovo (Malko Tarnavo municipality, 10 km away from the index case in Kosti village) was confirmed on 31 January 2011.

This information was complemented by the Community Veterinary Emergency Team, summarising the [findings](#) of a mission carried out in the outbreak area from 17 to 21 January 2011.

3. Applications and declarations from Member States to achieve a health status with regard to the diseases listed in Directive 2006/88/EC.

- **Declaration from France of a VHS and IHN free compartment and two VHS and IHN free zones in accordance with Article 50 of Council Directive 2006/88/EC**

In accordance with Article 10 of Decision 2009/177/EC the information can be found in the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/aquaculture/declarations_en.htm

The Commission informed about declarations from France declaring one compartment and two zones free of VHS and IHN.

4. Guidance document on the establishment of surveillance programmes as regards ostreid herpesvirus 1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var). (SANCO/7004/2011 – Rev. 1)

The Commission's representative presented the guidance document on the sampling and testing regime for a surveillance programme for OsHV-1 μ var. There were no comments on the document from the Member States.

5. Technical specifications for the format for the lists of approved or registered establishments, plants or operators handling animal by-products inside the European Union and in third countries. (Doc.SANCO/7177/2010)

The Commission's representative presented the document.

Some Member States expressed concerns as to whether all third countries are appropriately informed on future changes related to the imports of animal by-products. The Commission provided information on the timetable of forthcoming seminars and of a meeting where third countries will receive appropriate information.

The Member States made some comments and suggested certain modifications on the document.

6. Presentation of the outcomes of the Multistakeholders meeting on the implementation of Council Directive 1999/74/EC organised on 19 January 2011.

The Commission presented the outcomes of the multi-stakeholders meeting on the implementation of Council Directive 1999/74/EC organised in Brussels on 19.01.2011. Competent authorities from Member States and main stakeholders attended the meeting in order to share best practices and discuss possible options to ensure the enforcement of the ban on unenriched cages by the legal deadline. The conclusions of that meeting will be followed up by the Commission.

7. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision on the evolution of animal diseases in the Union and in third countries.

No item raised.

8. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision amending Decision 2010/221/EU approving national measures for limiting the impact of Ostreid herpesvirus 1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var). (Doc. SANCO/7206/2010 – Rev.2)

The draft Decision approving surveillance programmes for Ireland and the United Kingdom assuming their territories or parts thereof are free of Ostreid herpesvirus-1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var) was presented by the Commission. The applications from Ireland and the United Kingdom were distributed at the meeting.

As the internal procedures are not finalised, the draft was not for vote. The draft will be presented for vote at the next meeting of this Committee, section Animal Nutrition, to be held on 22 February.

Vote: postponed.

9. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 as regards the placing on the market requirements for consignments of aquaculture animals intended for Member States or compartments with national measures regarding Ostreid herpesvirus 1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var) approved in accordance with Decision 2010/221/EU. (Doc. SANCO/7105/2010 – Rev.2)

The Commission presented the Regulation which lay down the placing on the market requirements for movements into areas with approved surveillance programmes as regards Ostreid herpesvirus-1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var).

As the internal procedures are not finalised, the draft was not for vote. The draft will be presented for vote at the next meeting of this Committee, section Animal Nutrition, to be held on 22 February.

Vote: postponed.

10. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision on the extension of financing of special emergency measures to protect the Union from rabies. (Doc. SANCO/13482/2010)

The Commission presented the draft Decision which intends to renew for 36-months the Union financing for the implementation of rabies eradication activities in the Kaliningrad Region of the Russian Federation. The financing for the first three years, elapsing on the 31 May 2011, was approved by Commission Decision 2009/582/EC. With the adoption of the Decision, the Commission will proceed to the signature with Kaliningrad of a new grant agreement where detailed technical, financial and reporting requirements will be laid down.

Kaliningrad implements regular rabies monitoring and surveillance and oral vaccination since the second half of 2009, to fulfil the requirements of the grant agreement signed under 2009/582/EC. Following the implementation of the programme, significant improvement of the rabies situation in EU areas bordering Kaliningrad is being reported by the neighbouring Member States. Comparable

monitoring results are expected to be available following this year's vaccination campaigns.

A meeting of the rabies subgroup of the Task Force for Monitoring Animal Disease Eradication is planned to be convened in Kaliningrad so that Member States' experts will have the opportunity to assess the results of the project.

Vote: unanimous in favour.

Miscellaneous

Issues raised by the Commission:

- The Commission informed on the future plans as regards a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 206/2010 as regards the import rules for ungulates intended for approved bodies, institutes and centres and for certain other animals (bees, carnivores, lagomorphs, invertebrates and bats) (Doc. SANCO/4755/2009). It has been decided to give priority to the parts of the draft concerning the import rules for ungulates intended for approved bodies, institutes and centres. A new revision of the text with this limited scope will be presented at this Committee soon.
- The Commission distributed the document SANCO/7036/2011 with title: Update on the Newcastle disease situation in Israel – Follow-up report No. 5 submitted to the OIE.

Issues raised by the Member States:

- Denmark informed that during a meeting in Berlin, the Russian Chief Veterinary Officer provided information on the African swine fever situation in Russia.
- France raised the issue of the finding of chloramphenicol in vitamin A/D3 premix from China (RASFF notification 2011/0058 and 2011/0104) and indicated to have put in place a reinforced control at national basis and asked the Commission to consider as a matter of urgency the listing of vitamins originating from China annex to the Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on the imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin for an increased co-ordinated control at EU level for the presence of chloramphenicol and a letter on this issue will be addressed to the Commission.

The Commission informed the Committee that the issue was already discussed in detail at the section Animal Nutrition of the Committee on 21 January 2011 (see under AOB on the summary report of that meeting) and that Member States were requested to have an increased vigilance as regards the import of vitamin premixes from China. Given that for the time being the findings of non-compliance are limited to two findings reported via RASFF, it seems appropriate to have more evidence to justify the listing of the vitamins from China for an increased control on the presence of chloramphenicol in the annex to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009. The Commission representative asked therefore the delegation to report without delay any non-compliance found following their national increased control plan in view of the assessment of the appropriateness of such a listing.