

Summary record of the  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ZOOTECHNICS  
held in Brussels on 04 MARCH 2005

President: Alberto Laddomada, for points 7 and 8. The other points were co-presided by Alf-Eckbert Füssel and Kai-Uwe Sprenger.

All Member States were present except: Luxembourg, Malta, Italy and Slovenia.  
Luxembourg delegated its vote to Belgium.

**1. Communication from the Member States of the criteria for the distribution of funds in accordance with Article 4, point 2, second indent of Council Directive 90/428/EEC**

Points 1 and 2 were taken together.

**2. Information from the Member States intending to avail themselves of the possibilities in Article 4, point 2, first indent of Council Directive 90/428/EEC**

Working document SANCO/10118/2005 was distributed to delegations. This document - although somewhat incomplete - was compiled from information supplied by the Member States (MS). The Commission reminded MS that they are obliged to send the relevant information, despite the fact that the legalisation did not lay down specific deadlines.

The Commission highlighted the principles of “non discrimination” in equine competitions as laid down in Directive 90/428/EEC following concerns raised by one delegation.

**3. Information from DG MARKT concerning infringement procedures which are linked to bovine semen in intra Community trade**

This point was postponed.

The Commission opened the floor to MS subject to these infringement procedures. One of the MS concerned informed the Committee that certain provisions of its national legislation will be changed in order to comply with Community legislation.

**4. Information from the Member States on the number of registered equidae and the population of equines in general**

Working Document referenced SANCO/10114/2005 summarized the information the Commission has received to date on equidae populations. Delegations were asked to forward their figures (even if preliminary).

**5. Information from the Commission on the state of play of the draft Commission Regulation establishing the method of identification of equidae**

The Commission informed delegations that the draft Commission Regulation establishing the method of identification of equidae referenced SANCO/10723/2002 is currently in Inter-Service Consultation. The draft had been presented in Animal health and welfare section of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCFCAH) on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004. Several comments from the MS have been taken on board as well as contributions from stakeholders.

The plan is to finalise the text and to present it in a common meeting of the SCFCAH and the Standing Committee on Zootechnics for vote. The text will be circulated in good time beforehand.

**6. Information on the Code of Good Practice for Farm Animal Breeding Organisations as an EU funded project in the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Program for Research and Technical Development**

Anne-Marie Neetson from the European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) presented the CODE of Good Practice for Farm Animal Breeding Organisations (CODE EFABAR). A short questions and answers session followed. It became clear that this code would be a voluntary obligation for breeding organisations, which is certified by EFFAB. Delegations were requested to address any specific questions and comments directly to Ms Neetson by email.

**7. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision on pedigree certificates and particulars for pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species, their semen, ova and embryos (SANCO/10137/2004 REV-4)**

The Commission presented a revised text following the 13th May 2004 working group. There was a broad acceptance of the approach taken by the Commission to renew the provisions on pedigree certificates and to adapt it to the modified practical conditions. Following some changes and new additions made during the meeting REV-4 was voted.

Vote: Qualified Majority 278 votes in Favour. 7 votes abstained. 36 votes absent but not represented

**8. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Decision amending Decision 90/255/EEC as regards the entry of male sheep and goats into an Annex of the flock-book (SANCO/10161/2004 REV-1).**

The Commission presented a revised text following the 13th May 2004 working group. The Commission's aim is to change from an inflexible list of breeds to a system giving the Member States the necessary flexibility to approve derogations for certain breeds according to their national needs.

Vote: Qualified Majority 285 votes in Favour. 36 votes absent but not represented

**9. Miscellaneous – Divers**

On request from MS the Commission explained the system of entry in studbooks according to Decision 96/78/EEC in connection with Decision 92/353/EEC. It was stressed that an animal has a legal right to enter the main section of a studbook if its parents are entered in the main section of an approved studbook of the same breed. Further requirements for example performance/conformation may then merit the animal to be classified within the main section, if the main section is further divided into classes. It falls into the competence of the studbook of the origin of the breed to establish the principles to divide the main section into several classes. Furthermore the decision to establish a supplementary section falls also into the competence of the studbook of origin. A supplementary section cannot be maintained without providing for a rise of progeny into the main section.