Agreement between Italy and Austria concerning movements of live animals of susceptible species from restricted zones in Austria to Italy with regard to BLUETONGUE 2015

In accordance with article 8 (1)(b) of Reg. (EC) No. 1266/2007 as amended the following has been agreed:

A) Movement of vaccinated animals:

1. Italy consents to the movement of animals, if these animals are fully vaccinated (in case of bovines two times) against the BT-serotype circulating in Austria, after 10 days of waiting have gone by since the date of the second vaccination.

2. The following additional wording shall be added to the health certificates accompanying the animal consignments: "animals vaccinated against .... (BT serotype and type of vaccine must be indicated) at least 10 days according to Regulation CE 1266/2007.

B) Movement of non-vaccinated animals:

1. Italy consents to the movement of calves less than three months of age without any investigations for Bluetongue disease if they are born from cows vaccinated against the BT-serotype circulating in Austria.

2. The following additional wording shall be added to the health certificates accompanying the animal consignments: "animals born to mothers vaccinated against .... (BT serotype and type of vaccine must be indicated) according to Regulation CE 1266/2007.

C) Reports and documentation:

1. The results of the Austrian BT-monitoring must be sent on a quarterly basis from the date of entry into force of this agreement to the Central Veterinary Services of Italy; any change of the epidemiological situation must be reported immediately.

2. Traces health certificates of bovine consignments in accordance with points A) and B) shall bear at point BT-2 the following words: "animals complying with Article B (1) (b) of Reg. (EC) No. 1266/2007".

The provisions of this agreement are effective unless changes or amendments of the Community legislation in force, which affect this agreement or changes of the epidemiological situation are reported, with regard to cases detected in susceptible animals both autochthonous and/or introduced from other Member states.

This agreement is communicated to the Commission and changes or amendments will be agreed and applied in accordance with article 8 paragraph 2 of Reg. (EC) No. 1266/2007.

This agreement shall be effective as long as it meets with mutual approval of both parties. It shall discontinue being effective at the earliest one month after receipt of an official letter from the party wishing to cancel the agreement.

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