State of play: EU Animal Health Law

Planning and context of future work on delegated and implementing acts

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Animal Health Law (AHL) adoption

• Official Journal publication: 31 March 2016
• Regulation in force: 21 April 2016
• It will apply as of: 21 April 2021 (in 5 years)
• Delegated and implementing acts
  • To be developed by the Commission to complement the framework law

Delegated and Implementing acts

• **Timeline for Delegated (DA) and Implementing acts (IA):**
  
  • 5 years transitional period for the application of the AHL
  
  • COM to adopt "key" DA and IA 24 months before the date of application of the Regulation
    - "Key" acts determined by the EP and the Council (AHL, Article 274)
  
  • **Other rules** will be developed later:
    - after the deadline for key acts (after 2019)
    - after the application of the AHL (after 2021)
  
  • **Grouping of empowerments for DA and IA by themes**

  see also Non-paper of 10/10/2014 available at COM web-side
Priority order of DA and IA

• Preliminary priority order, focussing on "key" acts
  1. Disease listing and categorisation, list of species, including related assessments
  2. Intra-EU movements for terrestrial animals and products and their entry into the EU
  3. Aquatic animal health, including disease control, Intra-EU movements and entry into the Union
  4. Disease prevention and control rules, incl. disease notification, reporting, surveillance, eradication
  5. Non-commercial movements of pet animals and other rules (for later stages)
Disease listing and categorisation and listing of species

• **Assessment of diseases following the AHL criteria for:**
  - Listing of animal diseases
  - Categorisation of animal diseases
  - Listing of species
• **DA: amending list of diseases in Annex II of the AHL**
• **IA: categorising diseases and listing of species**
• **Preliminary timing for feed-back and consultation:**
  - mid-2016 onwards: feedback, ad-hoc meetings...
  - 2017 and onwards DA and IA & consultation*

* According to the new inter-institutional agreement on better law making
Terrestrial animals, germinal products, products of animal origin

- Rules for *intra-EU movements and entry into the Union* for animals and products separately
  - Ad hoc working groups: starting 2nd half 2016 (after summer)
  - Study for Intra-EU certification: 3rd Q 2016 – 3rd Q 2017
  - Impact assessment needed for certain rules?
  - Formal DA, IA consultation*: 2nd half 2017 - beginning 2018
  - Maximum adoption dates DA and IA: end 2018 - beginning 2019

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Aquatic animal health, incl. intra-EU and entry into the Union

- **COM assessment (study) of certain aspects (with SANTE Dir. F):** end 2016 – beginning 2017
- **Ad hoc working groups:** starting 2nd half 2016 (after summer)
- **Formal DA, IA consultation**: 2nd Q – end 2017
- **Maximum adoption dates for DA and IA:** beginning 2019

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Disease prevention and control & notification, reporting, surveillance, eradication

- *Internal COM work: starting 2nd – 3rd Q 2017*
- *Ad hoc working groups: starting 2nd half 2017*
- *Formal DA, IA consultation*: 2nd half 2018
- *Target adoption dates for DA and IA: beginning 2019*

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Other rules

- **DA and IA on non-commercial movements of pet animals** *(timing estimation between 2022-2025)*
  - *N.B. 10-year transitional period for Reg (EU) No. 576/2013*
- **Other rules to be considered if necessary** *(no specified timing):*
  - rules for other animal species
  - biosecurity
  - activities delegated to veterinarians
  - animal health visits
  - derogations, special rules, etc.
- **DA and IA on official controls for animals and products** *(Official Controls proposal): timing?*
More about AHL and the process:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm

Thank you